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# MAKEOVER A SAFE BET FOR CASINO

EXCITING plans have been unveiled for Ramsgate's Royal Victoria Pavilion.

The old casino is set for a massive makeover after property services firm Land Group revealed its proposals for the site.

It wants to turn the building into a new leisure complex with five restaurants and a Continental farmers market-style area.

Customers will be able to select a steak or fish from the market and have it cooked for them in one of the restaurants just minutes later, six days a week.

■ BY TOM BETTS

The venue could also have a centre bookable for conferences, weddings and other functions in the part of the building that was the old nightclub.

Land Group chairman Lindsay Nielson said: "The heart of the project will be a small indoor market selling Kentish food and local produce such as meat, fruit and vegetables and fish.

"Off that there will be the five restaurants located around the building. As well as a fish restaurant there will be another for meat, a patisserie,

an Italian eatery and one that is part of the conference centre area."

He added: "This will be the culmination of the cafe culture in Ramsgate and a destination venue that will boost the bustling scene in Marina Esplanade further."

All 20,000 square feet of floor-space will be used if the project gets the go-ahead.

Thanet council owns the building, but it is leased to the Rank Group, which ran the casino.

Mr Nielson said: "We are still in negotiations with Rank, but hopefully those will be resolved soon and we can

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## MOVE OUT OF THE RED WITH AGENCY

A hot piece of photography could be just what the bank manager orders when it comes to giving your business a boost.

This picture is a promotion for Ballards Florists in Westgate-on-Sea and was taken by local man David Watkins.

With Margate model Gabrielle Gothe, he has started new photographic promotions agency The Dragon and the Chameleon - and it's going great guns so far.

A host of isle firms are choosing to give their advertising campaigns a twist by booking the pair for a variety of shoots with eye-catching results.

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# Bad behaviour fears cancel 7s

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A POPULAR family sporting event that attracts hundreds of revellers through the gates has been cancelled.

Thanet Wanderers rugby club called off their Easter 7s tournament after last year's event was dogged by frayed tempers and under-age drinking. It has led club officials to postpone the event until next year, when they hope to bring it back.

The club's committee decided to call off the event, which is seen as an end-of-season celebration.

A Thanet Wanderers spokesman said: "The tournament had started to outgrow itself and was attracting some local undesirables who we couldn't stop coming – it was becoming more and more of a problem."

The day has been an annual event held at the club's home of St Peter's recreation ground in Callis Court Road, Broadstairs, which is a public park.

Some teams dress up in silly costumes to play games and hundreds of spectators, fans and members of the public turn out.

Many take picnics and drink, adding to the carnival atmosphere and the clubhouse is always busy.

Club associates are often invited to join in, forming teams of their own to take part, but in recent years many teams who have not played rugby before have participated, too.

It has led to on-pitch scuffles and the club feels it is wiser to rethink the tournament's structure than to hold it again in the same format.

Meanwhile, youngsters who have brought alcohol along with them to drink on the sidelines have been arrested as the action takes place, while the bill to remove the rubbish was starting to hit club finances.

The spokesman said: "We thought it was wise to have a rethink. It's a great community event, so we want to downscale it a bit and will be having a 7s event sooner than that. As it's a public area it's hard to control who comes along."

A statement on the club's website said: "It is with regret the annual Thanet Wanderers RUFC Easter 7s tournament will not take place in 2009. We apologise for this late cancellation, which was due to circumstances beyond the club's control.

"We hope to reintroduce the tournament in 2010."

## Redevelopment 'welcome news'

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE then put in the plans, which are still being drawn up."

Rank moved out of the historic pavilion in 2007 when the G Casino was opened at Westwood Cross.

The fabric of the building has suffered greatly in recent years.

Prominent residents of Ramsgate have long called for it to be tidied up, repaired and made use of, rather than have it sit dormant and unused while vandals and the elements take their toll.

Ramsgate man Gerry O'Donnell used to work in the pavilion and has been calling for its restoration for years.

He said: "I haven't seen the plans first-hand, but I welcome any news that would bring it back into operation.

"They will have to spend a lot of money bringing the fabric and structure of the building up to standard as the schedule of repairs is a frightful document that could cost as much as £1.8 million to put right, but if they feel they can do it then so be it."

He added: "It is such a beautiful and attractive building and very important to the future of Ramsgate – it needs to thrive once again as it has in the past. It can't just sit there and rot forever."

## Tom Thumb Theatre to go under hammer

ONE of the isle's theatrical landmarks goes under the auctioneer's hammer this month.

Tom Thumb Theatre in Cliftonville is up for auction with Clive Emson Land and Property Auctioneers.

The curtain came down at the venue in 2005, when owner Sarah Parr-Byrne decided to sell up after more than 20 years at the helm.

The 60-seat theatre is one of the smallest of its kind in the country and could be sold on Monday, April 6, at the auction at the Ramada Hotel and Resort near Maidstone.

The theatre was built in 1896 as a Victorian coach-house and has Japanese and alpine architectural influences. The guide price is £125,000 to £135,000.

It first operated as a working theatre in the 1980s after it was converted from being a double-garage.

As well as the auditorium, it has a kitchen, dressing room, toilets and one of the smallest stages anywhere. Upstairs there is a self-contained flat.

For more details, call 0845 8500333 or visit [www.cliveemson.co.uk](http://www.cliveemson.co.uk).

## Twist in a tale of rescue

POLICE officers saved a sow's bacon when they rescued her from an alleyway in Cliftonville.

They were called to the alley off Bath Road on Friday night just after 8pm after reports that a large black pig was on the loose.

They managed to capture it and had planned to walk it back to Margate police station, but the creature had to be taken back by van because, according to police, she was "not happy".

At that point, officers had no idea where she had come from and the RSPCA was contacted while the six-month-old Berkshire was made comfortable in the station kennels.

However, the next morning the

owner, who had noticed her pig Pepa (pictured) had gone missing from their home in Ethelbert Road, came forward.

She had escaped from the garden after the shed had been broken into.

Rabbits had also been let out, although they too were found later.

Nothing else was taken and the criminal damage is being investigated.

Pig and owner, meanwhile, were reunited later that day.

Insp Simon Collins said: "The pig was a bit of a handful, but she wasn't aggressive. The scary thing is that she must have run across Northdown Road!"



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# Pair help you adapt to survive the recession

■ BY TOM BETTS

INDULGING your fantasy is the key to beating the recession blues, according to one isle pair.

Best friends and business partners David Watkins and Gabrielle Gothe, aka the Dragon and the Chameleon, have seen their latest endeavour get off to a flying start, despite the credit crunch.

They have launched a photographic and promotions company and have already worked with many well-known isle businesses in their first few months.

Margate's Joke Shop, dancewear store Stonebridge Emporium, Ballards florists in Westgate and website [Fetishbitch.com](http://Fetishbitch.com) are just a few of the firms who have booked the services of the photographer and his muse to bring a unique twist to their public image.

Even American pagan magazine *Thorn* has booked the pair.

The Dragon and the Chameleon launched on Valentine's Day ready to undertake the weird and the wonderful, the business has embraced the other side of the market to make a strong start.

Westgate's David, 50, said: "We specialise in the alternative side of photography and are having a great time working together.

"We are now starting to branch out to offer people portfolios for their own collection.

"People may want to do it as a bit of fun, or for more professional reasons. If someone wants to be a demon, a vampire, a barbarian warrior or an elf, then we'll make it happen."

Gabrielle said: "It's completely up to the per-

son – they can suggest anything and we will make the shoot fit them."

"It's really for people who want to do something different and have a fun experience. We have access to hundreds of props and costumes and often we'll even make them ourselves."

The new business charges cheap rates, burning the pictures to disc so that the customer can print out whatever they like.

David said: "It's not about ripping people off and charging hundreds of pounds for prints. We keep the price realistic and look after the customer."

The pair, or rather Gabrielle, are often spotted around the isle dressed in bizarre and outlandish outfits, while David snaps away with his trusty camera.

## Suggestions

They are now opening up their portfolio and keen for isle residents to suggest ideas for locations and scenarios.

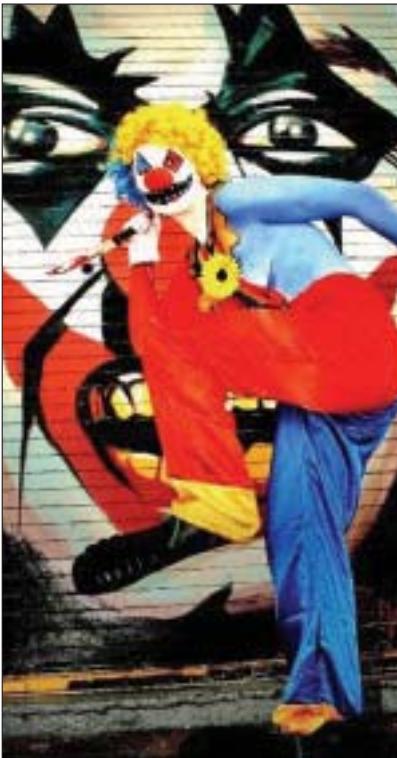
David said: "We want to hear people's suggestions on where to shoot. We are always open to new ideas."

On launching the business when times are economically tough, Gabrielle said: "I won't let any fool take me down – you can rise above it. I won't let anything destroy my focus and this business is going to be our future."

David added: "We will work hard and make it work, recession or not."

"I know times are tough, but people still need to advertise to tell people about their businesses and put their messages out there. We can help them do that and in a different way."

See [www.thedragonandthechameleon.co.uk](http://www.thedragonandthechameleon.co.uk), or email [thedragonandthechameleon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thedragonandthechameleon@hotmail.co.uk) for more details.



DRESSED UP: Gabrielle outside Margate's Joke Shop

## Take a look at latest proposals

PLANS for a three-storey building on Westgate seafront have been received by Thanet council.

The proposals are for land opposite St Cecilia's care-home in Sea Road.

Nine two-bed residential flats offering a total of 1,054 sq ft of floor space, including parking and landscaping, are planned.

An application for ten flats was refused in 2008. The semi-circular building was considered to be out of character with the area's built environment.

The planning committee will reach a decision on Friday, April 17.

The application is by Canterbury firm Rogate.

You can see the revised plans at [www.ukplanning.com/thanet](http://www.ukplanning.com/thanet). The reference number is 09/0201.

Alternatively, look at them at Margate Library, open from Monday to Friday 9am-6pm.

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The Dragon and the Chameleon mean business... search 'dragon'

## Councillor steps down from post

A BY-ELECTION has been triggered in a Thanet council ward after a councillor's decision to step down.

Audrey Pickering, who represents Thanet Villages, has been unwell for some time and will leave her role. The former Labour councillor was first elected to the council in 1974 but became an independent councillor in 1999.

She has been a Minster parish councillor for 35 years.

## Club rolls up to 75th birthday

MEMBERS of the Inner Wheel Club of Ramsgate celebrated the club's 75th anniversary last week.

Seventy ladies met at St Augustine's in Westgate-on-Sea to celebrate the occasion.

President Patricia Fletcher and the members were joined by the Inner Wheel district chairman Sheila Cragg, President of the Rotary Club of Ramsgate David Blackwell and his wife Daphne.

The club was started by Mrs Elsie Bellingham in January 1934.

This year the club supports the QEQM Hospital League of Friends and Kent Air Ambulance as well as continuing to help the Rotary Club with their charitable work.

## Youngsters invited to come and have a blast at learning

THE Easter Blast event is returning for the school holidays.

Aimed at 11 to 19-year-olds, there will be three separate sessions, all taking place between 1pm and 5pm.

The days are run by Engage, a group of organisations that work together to put on youth events.

The fun day arrives at Surestart in Millmead on April 7; the Warre rec in Ramsgate on April 9; and Upton School in Broadstairs on April 14.

Thanet council's Sport Matters team will bring along its inflatable football pitch as well as offering volleyball, tug-of-war, ultimate Frisbee and target-shooting sessions.

You can also take part in a football drill skills school, try out with Marlowe Athletics or take on a rugby fitness course, held in association with Thanet Wanderers.

There are DJing, technology and MCing workshops, master classes and band workshops from Pie Factory Music, and break-dancing with the GAP Project.

Pipeline will be bringing Bernie the Engage double-decker youth bus, along with a gladiator pitch and sumo suits and a mobile skate park.

You can get creative with the Thanet Coast Project and artists from Art For All, designing marine creations, or try out for the Trinity Cheerleading Squad, who take part in national and international competitions all over England.

The Thanet Community Safety Partnership will be there with the police double-decker bus, which has a PlayStation and wide-screen TV, with information about how to stay safe. You can find out more about drinking safely, with human-size Jenga and noughts-and-crosses games, which can be played using beer goggles.

Full details of all the events can be found in Youth Matters, the magazine for Thanet's young people distributed through schools, libraries and youth clubs. You can also get a copy by calling 01843 577050.

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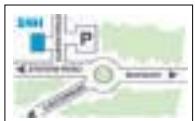


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## Community joins in to clean up street

MOUNDS of rubbish have been removed from the streets during a community clean-up day in Cliftonville.

The clean-up in Athelstan Road involved neighbourhood police officers working alongside the Thanet Community Safety Partnership and housing representatives.

The aim was to rid the Athelstan Road area of rubbish and tackle anti-social behaviour.

PC Alex Taylor, who was one of four neighbourhood officers involved, said: "We have had a productive day and the road looked much better once we had finished.

"I am confident this will help residents take pride in their community and reduce the amount of unsightly rubbish in it."

No untaxed or un-roadworthy vehicles were found in the road.

## Take seaside walk in aid of charities

A SPONSORED walk on behalf of three charities will be staged at Minnis Bay on Sunday.

Participants are invited to take part to raise money for the Kent Air Ambulance, KASTDA and St John Ambulance.

There will be a one-mile walk along the seafront, a four-mile walk to Reculver, or a longer one yet to be decided. Donations will be taken.

Entertainment will be laid on by the Birchington Village Partnership and fancy-dress is optional if you want to add to the party atmosphere. Dogs are welcome.

Meet at the Minnis Restaurant, The Parade, Minnis Bay, at 10am for a start at about 10.30am.

Phone organiser Barry Hardy for more details on 01843 845022.

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## TOURISTS ON THE HORIZON

Jon Brooks and Matt Stickles, of Ramsgate's Horizon Sea Safaris, were just two of the exhibitors to enjoy KOS Media's Travel and Leisure Show at Dover Cruise Terminal.

More than 4,000 people attended the event on Sunday to discover the wealth of tourist attractions the county has to offer, as well as to snap up bargain deals from cross-Channel ferry firms, travel operators and more.

KOS Media's events manager Liz Hare said the show was even better than last year's, which also attracted a huge crowd.

She said: "Last year exceeded all expectations and we were delighted that even more people came and enjoyed the show this time around.

"The exhibitors were thrilled with the turnout and the visitors I spoke to thought it was great to find everything under one roof."

The show, which received accreditation from the organisers of British Tourism Week, gave firms in the travel, tourism and leisure industry the opportunity to show what they are about.

# Isle's health care in line for improved GP service

THE NHS is set to increase core health-care provision on the isle.

The NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust says it is in the process of tendering a range of new GP services across the isle.

A spokesman said the NHS "recognised the need to bring more services into Thanet".

The announcement means there will be more GP cover for the isle's sick, but details about which areas will be covered are to be confirmed.

The range of services provided will be dependent on the proposal put forward by the successful bidder.

The news follows complaints from one patient that one isle surgery was being overrun, with appointments proving difficult to book.

Ticia Cheniston has called for another surgery in the east Margate area to cope with demand.

She claims that despite repeated attempts, until recently, she had not been able to get an appointment for 14 months.

■ BY TOM BETTS

She says the situation is "desperate" and no longer feels that she and her friends should have to go the A&E department at the QEQM Hospital for non-emergencies as they "have enough to deal with".

She believes her surgery in Cliftonville, the Bethesda Medical Centre, is under too much strain.

She says that those who live in walking distance of the centre have more chance of getting an appointment than those who do not.

Ms Cheniston, 65, claims many pensioners do not drive and have had to get costly taxis to the centre or arrive extremely early.

She says the problem is exacerbated because buses to the centre do not run as early as many would like.

"I just haven't been able to get an appointment," said Ms Cheniston.

"They can't deal with the patients they've got. We used to have three surgeries to cover the area, but now there is just one and it means some people can't be seen."

"The surgery has even started to open earlier and that's okay for the people who can get there at the crack of dawn, but for me and my friends who don't drive and can't afford taxis it's not much help."

However, Bethesda practice manager Rachel Cousins says appointments are bookable up to two weeks in advance and the practice operates a policy of opening for extended hours outside of 8am-6.30pm, three times a week.

She added that the ten doctors who work there make home calls in their lunch hours.

She said: "We would like to reassure people that Bethesda Medical Centre strives to offer all our patients the highest level of care at all times."

She added that the staff "desire to serve the entire community to the best of their ability".

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# Isle council moves into top 50 most improved in the country

THANET council has leapfrogged into the top 50 most improved local authorities in the country.

Out of almost 388 councils in the country, Thanet finished 43rd in the Audit Commission's latest report and rankings. The Annual Audit and Inspection Letter marks a big improvement between the years of 2006/07 and 2007/08.

The report states: "The council continued to focus on improving outcomes for local communities, linked to its ambitions. Crime has fallen and more people feel safe walking after dark. Streets are cleaner, recycling has increased and public satisfaction is improving."

Other areas singled out for praise include the controversial Gateway Plus project at Margate Library. It was praised for "increasing library use" and "reduced waiting time".

It also points to increased speed on decisions

■ BY TOM BETTS

for planning applications and a Charter Mark award for customer service.

Independent councillor Dean McCastree said: "I am elated by the news and, although quite uncharacteristic of me, I feel the need to shout out the good news."

"Because despite the unwarranted negative gossips that plague Thanet council, the Audit Commission's report proves that Thanet is not a failing authority – and far from it."

He added: "Being in the top 50 out of almost 400 authorities is truly a remarkable achievement, given that only a year ago Thanet council was deemed only adequate. This goes to show the difference competent cabinet members and officers and a very able workforce can make."

CCTV coverage in Newington and more

prosecutions of graffiti vandals also hit the right note with the commission.

The council's money management and value-for-money ratings also improved from adequate to above average.

Martin Wise, cabinet member for finance and corporate services, said: "The fact we've focused on services that matter most to people, such as recycling, reducing crime, benefits and planning applications, is clearly paying dividends."

"Our challenge now will be continuing that journey of improvement in a tougher financial climate, but residents can rest assured we will continue to offer the best possible value for money in everything we do."

Less successful areas highlighted in the report included the percentage of private-sector homes vacant for six months, the amount of overpayments in housing benefit that were recovered and the collection of rent.

## Gale unanimous choice

NORTH Thanet's sitting Tory MP Roger Gale has been reaffirmed as the party's parliamentary candidate for the next general election.

Mr Gale was endorsed unanimously at North Thanet Conservative Association's annual general meeting last week.

The MP said: "I regard it as a continuing privilege that I have been chosen to carry my party's banner forward."

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## THE SUN SHINES ON CAFE

A cafe in Ramsgate is the best in the land for serving up great breakfasts.

The Ramsgate Cafe in Margate Road has been voted the winner of the 2009 Best British Brekkie award as dished out by The Sun newspaper each year.

Owners Kevin Davies and Sarah Jeeves, who are opening a new pie'n'mash shop in Margate soon, said they were delighted with the accolade, especially after being open just a year. They also scooped a £1,000 prize pot.

The pair say using the best ingredients and quality produce is the key to award-winning food.

Cafe regular Danny Parks, 46, nominated the venue for the award and was rewarded with a new Citroen van, worth £10,000, for his troubles.

## Theatre security worry dismissed

THANET council has rebuffed claims that the Winter Gardens is not a secure venue to host a valuable painting.

Last week Yourthanet reported on concerns that James Webb's work, *A View of Margate From The Pier*, could be taken to the venue in the future. It is said to be worth as much as £100,000 and is owned by the council.

Labour councillor Iris Johnston said she was worried the Winter Gardens might not be safe enough to house the picture as it had been broken into in the past, but those claims have been dismissed by the ruling party.

Shirley Tomlinson, cabinet member for

environmental services, said: "Let's be very clear here – the Winter Gardens has security systems in place."

"Unfortunately, we're now at the stage of having comments in the public domain that have suggested the Winter Gardens may be an easy target for thieves."

"That's simply not true and it's appalling that message has gone out to residents."

A spokeswoman for the council and Thanet Leisureforce said: "Those comments are of great concern to us and we'd like to reassure local residents about the security of the venue."

The painting is currently in storage.

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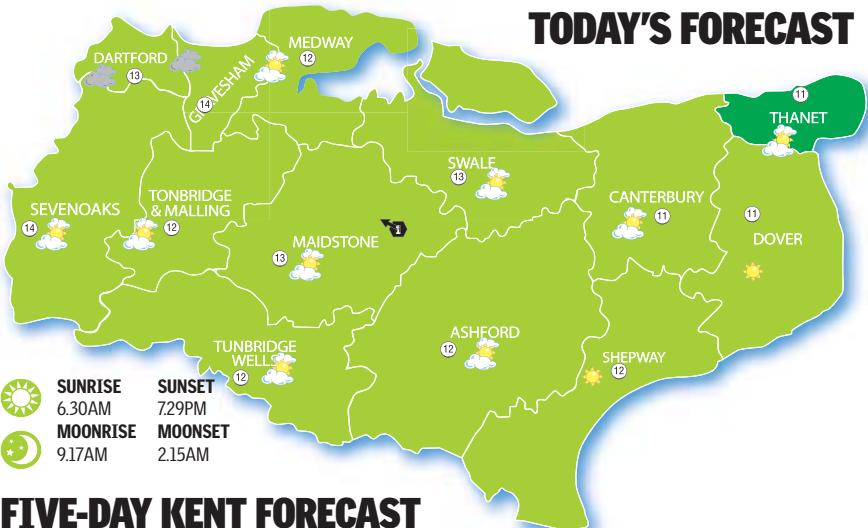


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## WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

<b>Chatham</b>	Saturday	8:24am	5.0m
	Sunday	9:57am	5.2m
<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	7:09am	5.4m
	Sunday	8:42am	5.6m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	6:31am	6.0m
	Sunday	8:09am	6.0m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	7:39am	4.0m
	Sunday	9:12am	4.2m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	8:12am	4.9m
	Sunday	9:45am	5.0m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	8:24am	4.4m
	Sunday	10:03am	4.6m

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	
<b>Ashford</b>	14°C	14°C	13°C	14°C	14°C		<b>Gravesend</b>	15°C	14°C	15°C	16°C	15°C
<b>Canterbury</b>	13°C	12°C	12°C	12°C	12°C		<b>Maidstone</b>	14°C	13°C	14°C	14°C	14°C
<b>Chatham</b>	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C		<b>Ramsgate</b>	13°C	12°C	12°C	12°C	12°C
<b>Dartford</b>	15°C	14°C	15°C	16°C	15°C		<b>Rochester</b>	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C
<b>Dover</b>	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	12°C		<b>Sevenoaks</b>	13°C	12°C	14°C	13°C	13°C
<b>Faversham</b>	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C		<b>Sittingbourne</b>	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C
<b>Folkestone</b>	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	12°C		<b>Tonbridge</b>	14°C	13°C	14°C	15°C	15°C
<b>Gillingham</b>	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C		<b>Tun Wells</b>	14°C	13°C	14°C	15°C	15°C

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<b>Cardiff</b>	11°C	<b>Tokyo</b>	12°C
<b>Gibraltar</b>	16°C	<b>Vancouver</b>	9°C
<b>Hong Kong</b>	22°C	<b>Warsaw</b>	8°C
<b>Las Palmas</b>	20°C	<b>Wellington</b>	21°C

## Park chavs could fire tourist boom

A MASSIVE chav-themed amusement park could be set up at Manston.

The project, which has the working title of Plannit Fannit, is being planned for farmland near the airport.

It is hoped the park would boost isle tourist figures and generate millions of pounds for the local economy. It would celebrate all aspects of the cultural phenomenon overtaking the UK.

The plans are being backed by the Taking People For A Ride Foundation, known for its work setting up groundbreaking tourist attractions across the world.

A spokesman said: "We will have the plans to the council by today's Wednesday deadline [April 1]. If they are approved, it will be an amazing place, which could bring in a million people every year."

Attractions at the park are rumoured to be a giant helter-skelter slide contained within a massive mocked-up can of Tennents Super lager and an off-licence zone where punters can don beer-goggles designed to simulate the feeling of being inebriated on cheap drink.

A 40ft-high plastic Staffordshire bull terrier is set to stand guard at the entrance.

Also in the pipeline is the Asbo zone, where thrill-seekers will dodge actors posing as police patrols as well as hang around on street corners in a menacing fashion to earn prizes or a cash boost to their benefits payments.

Staff may wear Burberry caps, tracksuits and nametags plated in 9-carat gold.

The spokesman said: "We chose Thanet because it's close to France so could attract foreigners keen to see what Britain is all about nowadays. However, we anticipate that our core footfall would be from Essex."

If approved, it is anticipated the park could open at the same time as Margate's planned Turner Contemporary gallery – or even before.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### IAN JOHNSON



**Q & A**

The principal of the Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate talks to **Tom Betts** about the improvements the school is making, the success of the 8.30am-5pm day and his hopes for a bright future for his pupils and the Isle of Thanet

**Q** When did you take over as principal?

**A** September 2004 was when I took up my post. I spent the first year working from Dame Janet Juniors. The Marlowe opened in September 2005.

**Q** In what ways has the Marlowe Academy improved during your time as principal?

**A** Those people who thought the Marlowe Academy would be a success, and that wasn't everyone, believed that it would end up as a reasonable school.

That was never going to be enough for either me or Roger De Haan, our sponsor. We wanted to create an exceptional school, one that provided our community with the best, one that challenged other local schools to rethink their approaches, as well. Four years on, our progress has been impressive. Results are up. Our numbers are growing quickly.

Students are going on to university. We have good links with primary schools, Thanet College, local universities and the Marlowe Innovation Centre. But our biggest success has been in encouraging youngsters to believe they can have an exciting future and that their education is key to that.

**Q** Why did you choose teaching as a career?

**A** Both my parents were primary-school teachers and so teaching was always in my mind. I have always been keen on sport and

enjoyed coaching younger students when I was in the sixth form.

I have enjoyed my time in the profession enormously and have never regretted going into teaching.

I genuinely believe that it is a privilege to play a part in young people's formative years. To see them grow from the age of 11 to 18 and go on to the adult world still excites me.

**Q** How do you feel about school league tables - do you feel they are helpful or not?

**A** Actually I quite like them! They contain raw scores, but also value-added information. You can tell a lot about schools by looking at them. Some schools with high levels of achievement are clearly coasting.

Look at the value-added scores of some of our grammar schools and you will see my point. There is, of course, a lot more to education than exams and league tables, but it is good to have a focus and to be challenged to do the best for your students.

**Q** Who is your hero or inspiration?

**A** The young people have always been my inspiration. Their energy, enthusiasm and sense of fun will always keep me going.

**Q** What is the best thing about Thanet and what is the worst?

**A** Thanet's coastline and countryside are terrific. Having lived and worked in

Oxford and west London, I really appreciate the quality of air and light down here.

However, the best thing is its potential for growth and development. It's an area that's been neglected economically for a while, and many people have struggled to find work and make a decent living.

The airport, Westwood Cross, Thanet Earth, the wind farm and other developments all point to an exciting future, one in which our young people have a chance of finding decent jobs and a future.

In terms of the worst, I get frustrated by those people who don't want to see change.

I guess if you have a good job or have retired here, you might like to see as little development as possible. But that is not being fair to the next generation.

Many of my students will want to live and work in Thanet and we have a duty to find ways to give them as many opportunities as we can.

**Q** What do you feel is your greatest achievement in life?

**A** Establishing the 8.30am to 5pm day at Marlowe. Everyone told me I was mad and it couldn't be done. Now more and more schools are copying us.

Funnily enough, those same people are telling me we will not be able to introduce a more flexible day for those students who have proved themselves to be independent learners. Expect my greatest achievement to soon be exceeded.

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STAY TUNED: Rhys Ifans (left) and Bill Nighy star in The Boat That Rocked, based on the exploits of pirate radio DJs who included Roger Gale (above in 1964), now a Tory MP



# Pioneering DJs remember 'anarchy' on the high seas

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

PARTYING and practical jokes to a soundtrack of rock'n'roll – that's how the pioneering DJs of the Swinging Sixties remember pirate radio.

The latest big screen offering from British director Richard Curtis, The Boat that Rocked, set on board an offshore 'pirate' radio station, opens nationwide at cinemas today.

To mark this we spoke to some of the DJs who pushed the boundaries of the law to bring pop music to the masses.

Roger Gale, the Tory MP for Thanet North, BBC Radio Kent presenter Roger Day and BBC Radio 2 presenter Johnny Walker, were among a crew of young men who became 'pirates' of the airwaves in the 60s to challenge the Government's monopoly of radio.

Curtis's film stars Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans and recent Bond girl Gemma Arterton, who is

from Gravesend, and is based on the story of Radio Caroline which began broadcasting off the coast of the UK in 1964.

Mr Gale, who joined the Radio Caroline DJ team in August of that year, said: "When we were out there for the summer we were jumping off the side of the ship to swim as the records played.

### Coastguards

"We would work a fortnight on the boat and have a week off. Huge crowds would welcome us off the boat – lots of girls."

"I was engaged at the time so I did not revel quite as much as others."

In celebration of his birthday, the late night rock show presenter and his co-DJs decided to play a game involving their listeners.

The 'pirate' boats had to stay three miles

away from shore so they were in international waters and not bound by English law.

Mr Gale told how the broadcasters asked all the people in nearby coastal towns to drive down to the beach and flash their headlights.

He said: "The coastguard went berserk. They were good times."

Johnny Walker was a Radio Caroline DJ who was used by Curtis as a consultant for the film.

He said: "Richard has captured the spirit of pirate radio very well in the film. It was anarchy."

His colleague at the Beeb, Roger Day worked at Radio Caroline from 1966-68, he said: "It was the dream job for a 21-year-old. Playing great music and having a laugh."

He told how to fill the time between shows on the ship, the young men would squirt each other with the fire hose and play practical jokes, such as setting the breakfast show team's alarm clocks so that they would wake up five hours too early.

## Commission slams KCC for not heeding Icelandic warnings

KENT County Council has been accused of negligence by putting millions of pounds of our money into Icelandic banks days before the system collapsed last year.

KCC was one of seven English councils slammed in a report by spending watchdog the Audit Commission on Thursday, because the council carried on paying cash into the doomed Iceland banking system, despite warnings they were in trouble.

The commission revealed KCC paid in £8.3 million in early October, just days after a warning on September 30 that one bank's credit rating had fallen. On October 7, the Icelandic banking system collapsed completely.

The county council – which is believed to have lost £50m in the collapse – maintains it had been open about its conduct and hoped to get the cash back. But the fate of the £954m deposited by councils and other public bodies in Icelandic banks remains uncertain.

There is no British government protection for institutions as there is for individuals.

### Handful

The Audit Commission said most councils had "heeded warnings" about the declining credit worthiness of Icelandic banks during 2008, and had acted.

However, it said that some had ignored the risks while a handful, including KCC, had behaved "negligently".

The collapse has highlighted the "variable standards" within finance at different councils across England and Wales.

"Good treasury managers recognised those risks and managed them appropriately," said an Audit Commission spokesman.

"Others either did not appreciate the risks or underestimated their significance."

KCC cabinet member for finance Nick Chard told the BBC: "The position and language used by the Audit Commission is quite extraordinary. It really is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. I find this a convenient smokescreen for the Audit Commission, which has twice the level of exposure in Icelandic banks that Kent County Council has."

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# Push the boat out on fish trail

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

CAST your net far and wide to experience the bounty of our seas as a new fish trail is launched.

Local produce supporters Produced in Kent have unveiled the Soul to Sole Fish Trail, highlighting the wealth of seafood and its integral role the industry has played in the history of our communities.

Available online and in tourist offices across the county, the trail includes regional farm shops, fishmongers and fish restaurateurs, while highlighting the fascinating story behind the and the impact the industry has had on our coastline.

It also hopes to highlight the health benefits of eating fish, while reinforcing the message of our campaign to demand locally produced, locally sourced food and drink.

The trail guide also addresses the important concerns of fish sustainability and outlines Kent's environmentally responsible small day-boat fishing policy in the Channel.

As Julie Monkman, manager at Produced in Kent, explains: "While consumers have grasped the health benefits of eating more fish, there are many environmentally conscientious consumers who have concerns about consuming fish from depleted stocks.

"The good news about the fishing industry in Kent is fishermen tend to work with small day-boats in Kent's waters, rather than with



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the damaging deep net fishing.

The trail guide has provided a powerful mouth-piece for us to communicate this information to the increasing numbers of consumers who want to be environmentally responsible and prefer to consume naturally-occurring, native fish stocks."

Among the many places featured are the likes of top restaurants the Coastguard pub at St Margaret's Bay to the Mulberry Tree in Boughton Monchelsea – winner of the recent best restaurant prize at the Produced in Kent awards night. There are walks, too, including a stunning circular stroll along the famous white cliffs at Dover, taking walkers around Kingsdown and

starting and finishing at Walmer Castle. Fans of social history can even learn how the great British dish of fish and chips has developed and evolved over the centuries. And if you want to know how to buy and prepare fish, there is information on that, too – plus a

special introduction to how to get fish into your diet if you've yet to take the plunge.

Ms Monkman said: "The health benefits of eating more fish, and oily fish in particular, are undisputed.

"Recent findings have shown benefits for improved concentration, brain development and managing hyperactivity in children, while there has been a very positive link between preventing many of the major diseases in older people.

"Rather than banging the health drum, this guide has quite literally been designed to put the soul back into eating more regionally sourced fish, with a thoroughly practical and useful guide on where to buy and eat the best fish in Kent."

The trail follows in the wake of four other successful published trails from Produced in Kent, including Sheep Ahoy, Apple Source, Red, White & Brut wine and vineyard trail and Hops and Downs.



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**BREAK TIME**
**Teen's ambition to gallop to Olympics**

YOUNG horsewoman Emily Scott is a champion at just 13 – and she has her sights set firmly on international success.

The Clarendon House student from Minster has been riding for just three years.

She was bitten by the horse-riding bug on a family ranch holiday in Colorado.

She competes in the sport of 'reining', often described as a Western form of dressage riding in which the riders guide the horses through a pattern of circles, spins, and stops.

Last year Emily became the British Reining Association youth champion and was also named rookie of the year.

This year she will compete in a range of shows and internationals in Germany and Switzerland, and could even compete in the Olympics if the sport is included.

She said: "It is a great sport and I hope to make the British Olympic team if reining is included in the Games."

# Having fun is an exact science for Thanet pupils

ST LAWRENCE College in Ramsgate has just hosted the Annual Thanet Science Challenge.

Twenty-six schools attended and 104 year five and year six pupils from around the South East took part.

The event was organised by St Lawrence's head of science, Dr Chris Ransom, with support from the college's science department team of teachers and technicians and their sixth-form student helpers.

Heads, teachers and parents attended from all the schools to cheer on their teams for the day.

Tasks involved chemistry, design technology, biology and physics, plus a monster quiz in the afternoon, testing the children's general science knowledge.

In the DT task, each team had to design the tallest structure possible using only strips of hardboard and a glue gun, while in chemistry

■ BY TOM BETTS

they had to design the best 'crumple zone'.

They had to design protective matting to stop an egg breaking after being dropped from a height of a metre.

In biology, the teams tested the heat range of different pastas to measure their calorific value.

Head of science Chris Ransom said: "There were some extremely good young scientists here today – across the board. It was a terrific day with lots of great teamwork and ingenuity. Everybody seemed to enjoy the day and we certainly enjoyed hosting the scientists, their parents, grandparents and teachers!"

The point of the day was to provide a series of practical challenges for the children and to give them an opportunity to put into practice what they had learnt in their science lessons.

They used the experience to experiment and



**SCIENTISTS:** Pupils Martin Docherty, Joseph Whelan, Zoe Levenson and David Bhart

work as a team, pooling ideas and working to deadlines.

The event is sponsored by Pfizer, which donates cheques for science equipment as prizes. Taking home the first prize of £150 was St Joseph's RC Primary School in Broadstairs.

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Isle blogger Eastcliff Richard takes a dip into County Hall's boneless moneybox



## KCC paving over the county as our cash goes to Iceland

KENT County Council leader Paul Carter's physog is already pucer than a boiled beetroot.

But last week it was glowing purpler than a porn star's privates, following a roasting by the Audit Commission which accused the Tory council of negligence.

According to the Government's spending watchdog, KCC is one of seven councils it regards as having 'made mistakes' due to their touching trust in the Icelandic banking system, long after everyone else knew the entire kit and kaboodle was about to go belly-up.

We already know the County Hall duffers lost 50 million of your spondulics when they sent their mum to Iceland with a shopping trolley full of taxpayers' fivers to take advantage of the, err, unbelievable interest rates Bjork and her chums were offering at the time.

But what really got the commission's goat was the £8.3m KCC deposited on October 1-2,

after the banks' credit ratings had been downgraded to 'adequate' (several notches below 'fill your boots').

Following a quick calculation on the back of his Rothmans packet, my accountant Cyril reckons £8.3m could have got you half a Turnip Centre, or an entire 'offshore' Turnip Centre, up to the point where the test pylon blows over and everyone goes 'We told you so'.

When the Audit Commission report hit the news last week, Cllr Carter hit the media circuit. Looking every bit like a man whose head had been boiled in a bag, Carter blustered that the Audit Commission had got it wrong; it hadn't listened to his side of the story; KCC had always been open about mistakenly making a £3.3m deposit on October 1; and, besides, the Audit Commission itself had put £10m in Icelandic banks, so it was a case of the pot calling the kettle black and ya boo sucks!

At which point I could swear he put his fingers in his ears and started humming 'It's Oh So Quiet'.

With county council elections coming up in June, it beggars belief that the current Jurassic Junta could be re-elected.

I'm not holding my breath, though. Kent is chock-full of blue-rinse nuts who'd vote Conservative even if the council decided to parcel up every last penny of its taxpayers' sovs and blast the lot into space from our local, (allegedly) NASA-accredited airport.

Call me old-fashioned, but I thought the Tories' usual boast was that they're good with money? Forgive me, but hahahahahaha!

And it's not just their fiscal frolics that vibe me out.

The county used to be billed the Garden of England. Now, with all their talk of business parks, lorry stops and airports, you'd be hard-pressed to call it the Patio of England.

The Patio of England with a nice uPvc conservatory on it where you can grow watery toms' would just about hit the mark.

• You can keep up with Eastcliff Richard's daily jottings at [www.eastcliffrichard.blogspot.com](http://www.eastcliffrichard.blogspot.com).

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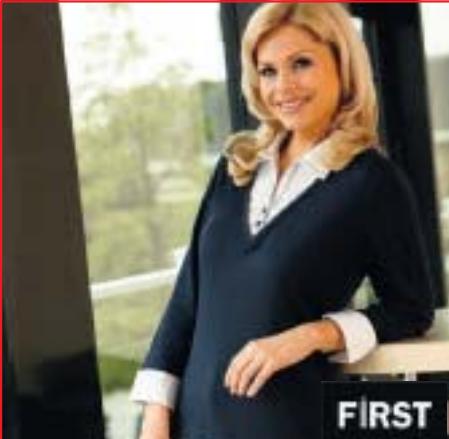
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## TALK TIME

### ROS WHITE

The midwife and breastfeeding support group organiser talks about her work with mothers and babies



#### What is the purpose of the groups in Ramsgate?

To provide practical help and a social network for breastfeeding mothers. Mothers who are breastfeeding successfully can meet and talk to other mothers over tea.

Mothers who are experiencing difficulties can seek advice and get support from peers and a health professional. The peer supporters are volunteer breastfeeding mothers who have received training to help others. The group also has a library of books and DVDs as well as items such as breast-pumps and slings that mothers can borrow.

#### How do you think it benefits the community?

The benefits of breastfeeding are well understood, giving immediate developmental and health benefits to the baby, but also reducing the risk of obesity and a range of diseases throughout the child's life.

It also helps protect the mother from breast and ovarian cancer, among other things. The support mothers receive often enables them to breastfeed for longer.

#### What is your role?

Along with colleague Julie Burke, I run support groups in Newington and Newlands Children's Centres and breastfeeding workshops, train peer supporters and help train staff. I visit the QEQM and offer any help that might be needed. I also visit people at home.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Why are we still waiting, Mr Gale?

Is it not time that our MP in North Thanet stood up to be counted on this whole affair with Thanet council leader Sandy Ezekiel and his second breach of standards?

Roger Gale's silence has been deafening thus far.

Two weeks on and still no mention of his views in the Press, or even on his website.

The man has great influence in the area and as a Conservative of some years should not be standing by and letting the reputation of his party be dragged through the muck time and again by these people.

I won't be voting for him until I have ascertained his views and I hope more voters will start to demand that he speaks up.

I have spoken to other Tory voters unhappy that Mr Gale has been so mute on this and feel it is time he condemned these breaches in no uncertain terms.

Not only does Cllr Ezekiel represent the Tories, he also represents the whole of Thanet.

In my view it is not acceptable that we are being led by someone who seems to have such a short fuse. Mr Gale, tell us your views please. The people who put you into office are all ears...

J White  
Birchington

### Statements cannot go unchallenged

Please may I thank everyone who has contacted me over the months to express their concern after the incident at the Edinburgh Woollen Mill on June 12, 2008.

It is deeply appreciated by myself and my family. There is a considerable number of outstanding issues from the signed statements, not least the naming of individuals and 'reporting' of 'historic' alleged situations by both Cllr Sandy Ezekiel and Cllr Roger Latchford.

Those who were appalled to find themselves used in an attempt to give credence to the councillors' behaviour that day have phoned me since the standards report went public.

Neither they nor I want to leave these comments unchallenged as they then appear to become 'fact'.

The interview and evidence of Shirley Hawkes, who instigated the petition, and the letter to traders from community safety officer Mark Richardson (which was shown to me on the day by Cheryl Hussey), were not used by the independent solicitors, nor the standards panel, despite my many requests to prove conclusively why traders believed the community wardens were to be redeployed.

There is also a need to publicly refute the comments made by John Bunnett, the deputy chief

executive of Thanet council.

Contrary to his extraordinary submission, Mr Bunnett has never previously seen me upset and indeed when I was shadow economic and regeneration Cabinet member I went out of my way to help him with his job as a new employee at Thanet council in a cheerful manner.

The most serious concerns I have since 2003, when the Conservatives took control of Thanet council, are the many attempts to interfere with the democratic process.

The presenting of petitions is sometimes the only way a majority of individuals feel they can influence decisions. There were in fact three from desperate Margate traders in a very short space of time. Labour brought in a more formal system after the 1995 election as we had learned our lesson in opposition when petitions to the old Tory administration went 'astray'.

Cllr Richard Nicholson and I have written separately to the chief executive at Thanet council and I hope he will help to bring all of this to a satisfactory and acceptable conclusion.

Cllr Iris Johnston (Labour)  
Margate Central ward

### Fearful of scrutiny?

Having served as the chair of an overview and scrutiny panel in another area, I found Bob Bayford's claim that internet broadcasting of Thanet council meetings would not provide a

mechanism for greater public scrutiny of the authority (Yourthanet, March 25) both arrogant and extraordinary.

Effective scrutiny of council decisions and policies will never be achieved fully through pre-rehearsed committee discussion constrained by party whips in front of an empty public gallery.

Effective scrutiny is precisely about engagement with the wider public and any technology that makes this easier should be embraced with enthusiasm by anyone concerned about democracy.

Residents must have the opportunity to review what councillors have been doing and saying in a way more convenient to them, even if the ratings are never going to match those for Coronation Street.

I suspect the knowledge that their behaviour at meetings would be available for later inspection would have a salutary effect on many councillors, especially as it would allow voters to make much more informed judgments as to whether the people they have elected are really up to the job.

Perhaps that's why Cllr Bayford and his Tory chums are so keen to keep the cameras out.

Rick Everitt  
Cliffsend

### We are not amused

On Friday, the local authority's planning committee will be making a site visit to the

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proposed amusement arcade/centre in Birchington.

It is quite possible that the committee will vote against the application. If they do, we should not be surprised if this is not the end of the matter.

The developer could choose to appeal. However, if the people of Birchington are ignored, a campaign to boycott the arcade is likely to go ahead.

Birchington's parish and district ward councillors are united against this proposal, which would change the historic street pattern of our village.

If this goes ahead, Birchington could be one step closer to becoming a town. If our village becomes a town, it would be the beginning of the end of Birchington as we know it. We cannot and will not allow the community spirit of Birchington to be broken.

**Parish councillor Jean Fleming**  
Birchington South ward

## Protect Isle villages

The majority of emails, letters and phone calls that I have received from residents have been against the application for an amusement centre/arcade in Birchington.

As a representative of the Thanet villages committee, I recently voiced concern regarding this matter at a meeting in Minster.

If this application is allowed to go ahead in Birchington today, Minster, Monkton, Acol, Cliffsend and

St Nicholas could be facing the same problem tomorrow. It is crucial that the character of Thanet's villages is preserved – something I will continue to campaign for.

**Parish councillor John Worrow**  
Campaign To Preserve Thanet's Villages

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That was the scene at Margate Winter Gardens, when youngsters from 13 local schools came together for the finale of the Rotary Clubs of Thanet schools prom.

I have seen some of the world's top performers playing in spectacular venues, but I have never witnessed so much focused positive energy in one room.

It was a privilege to witness such an event and I'll remember it for ever.

**Cllr Clive Hart (Labour)**  
Cliftonville West ward

## Our wasteful system

Interest rates are the lowest they have ever been, but there is no

noticeable reduction in other daily expenses.

Public fares are not fair, gas and electric costs shot up but are not coming down much.

The £2 million on a monument of a horse seems a bit much. The cost of the Olympics and Lord Coe's income from it appear excessive.

But the most hurtful and needless cost is council tax and business tax.

Councils are not indispensable. There is no need for us to belong to the EU. Only political appointees are doing well out of it.

**Rita Grootendorst**  
by email

## KCC heads should roll

The Audit Commission has confirmed that Kent County Council was negligent in its investments in Iceland.

Kent Green Party would like to know who will actually be taking responsibility for the £50 million loss. Claims by KCC that it will get any of this money back are open to dispute. Will council officers or councillors resign?

In a commercial organisation, such a loss could easily lead to those responsible being sacked. How will KCC show its commitment to public accountability?

An admission that market fundamentalism has failed would be good. The resignation of those involved would be better.

**Steve Dawe**  
Kent Green Party

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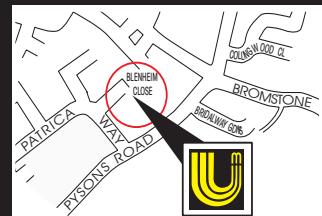
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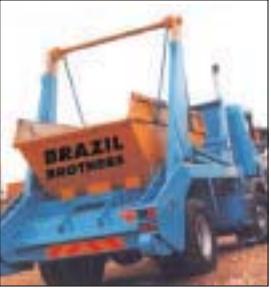
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**LEGENDARY** guitarist Gary Moore starts his new live tour in Folkestone later this month.

Considered one of the greatest guitarists the British Isles has ever produced, Moore has appeared in the line-ups of several notable rock bands and enjoyed a highly successful solo career.

His latest album, *Bad For You Baby*, demonstrates the extraordinary talent that has kept Moore at the forefront of blues music during a career that spans five decades.

Born in Belfast in 1952, Moore was of the generation of music fans who fell in love with rock'n'roll when Elvis Presley and then The Beatles came along.

But when he saw acts like Jimi Hendrix and John Mayall's Bluesbreakers performing in his home-town in the mid-60s, it opened up a whole new world for the young music-lover.

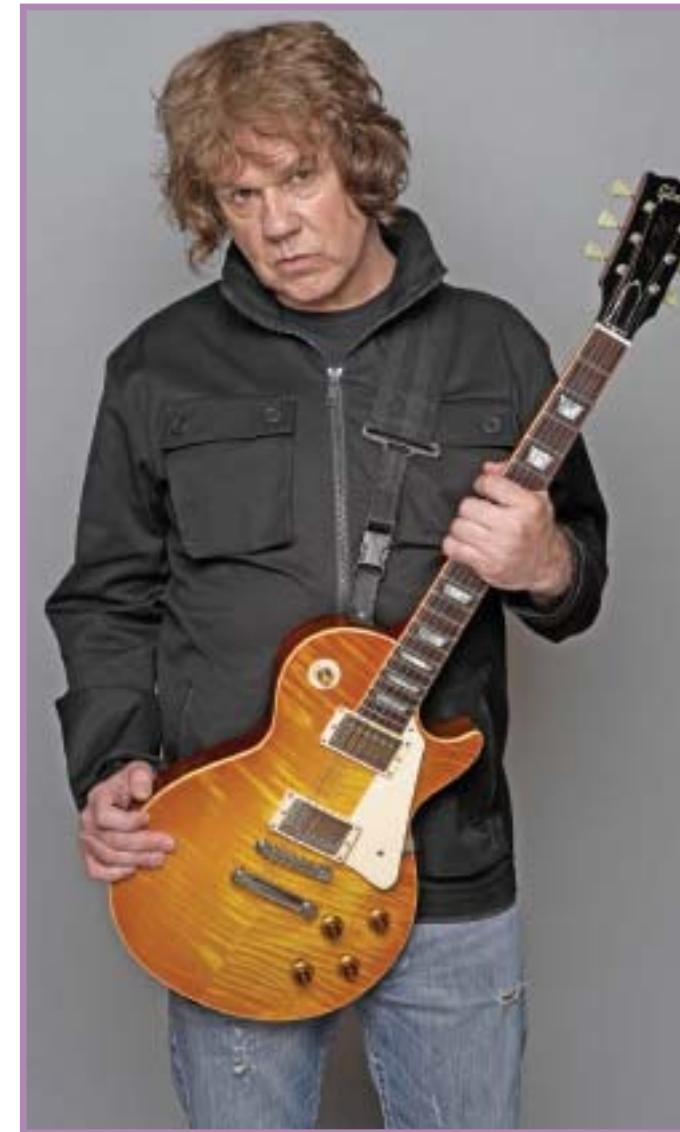
His passion and latent talent for the blues increased when he heard the guitar-playing of musicians like Peter Green, who would later become Moore's mentor.

Soon considered a teenage prodigy under Green's guidance, Moore later paid tribute to his hero by naming his 1995 album *Blues For Greeny*.

Moore secured his first record deal in 1970 with the power trio Skid Row. Shortly before the deal was signed, Moore had moved to Dublin and met Phil Lynott, who had filled in as vocalist. Moore released three albums with Skid Row and toured the US as support act to bands such as The Allman Brothers Band and Mountain.

Despite embarking on a solo career, he soon found himself drawn back into a band when Lynott invited him to join Thin Lizzy as Eric Bell's replacement. He was with the band only briefly but returned after Brian Robertson left in 1977 and again for the Black Rose tour the following year.

Exactly 30 years ago, Moore's solo career really got under way with the single *Parisienne Walkways*, which reached the Top 10 in April, 1979. It was followed by a successful album, *Back On The Streets*, and he spent the late 70s and early 80s restlessly



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**TALENTED:** Gary Moore's legendary music career spans almost 40 years

pursuing the highest quality of music.

In 1985 he reunited with Lynott for the hit single *Out In The Fields* and followed it with the *Wild Frontier* album, an exploration of his Celtic roots. But it was his 1990 album *Still Got The Blues* that really saw Moore's creativity set free. The next album featured cameo appearances by blues greats such as Albert King, BB King and Albert Collins, with Moore making his mark even in this

hallowed company. In 2006 he delighted Thin Lizzy fans by reuniting with the band for a one-off concert in Dublin.

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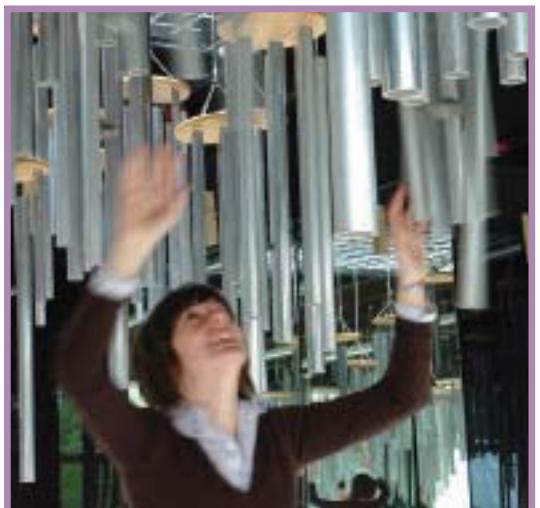
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Friday, April 3  
Various venues, Margate

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Glimpse is an exhibition of the photographs taken by the online Margate UK Flickr group over the first two years of its existence. The results can be seen at the Margate Harbour Arm from 5pm to 9pm on Friday and it will run until Sunday, April 19.

At Turner Contemporary Project Space, The Sound of Music explores the links between art, sound and music. Thirty works in a variety of media will go on display, including pieces by John Gage, Pierre Huyghe, Turner Prize winner Jeremy Deller and nominee Angela Bulloch. Crossroads, an installation by David Blandy, explores the mytholo-



gy surrounding legendary bluesman Robert Johnson, who reputedly sold his soul to the devil. Both exhibits will be opened between 6.30pm and 8.30pm and will run until Sunday, June 14.

For one night only, from

7.30pm there will be live music at the Substation Project Space, including French-Swiss duo Vialka and a number of local bands. Tickets cost £4.50 on the door. For details see [www.turnercontemporary.org](http://www.turnercontemporary.org).

## DISCO INFERNO

Saturday, April 4  
Winter Gardens, Margate

GET down on it at the Winter Gardens and dance, dance, dance to the happy sounds of Disco Inferno.

A great party night filled with the best soul and dance music of the 70s and 80s, Disco Inferno is sure to get those boogie shoes moving to the beat. Since it began in Margate four years ago, the event has been regularly selling out and giving audiences a nostalgic night to remember.

Fancy dress is encouraged, though not essential, so dust off those flares, squeeze into those hot pants and fluff up that afro wig in preparation to get lost in music. Previous events have seen Madonna, Bjorn and John Travolta boogying down in the company of the Village People and



the Bee Gees as people pay tribute to their favourite music icons of the era.

The fun starts at 8pm and will wind up at 1am. Tickets

for the event, which is for over-18s, are priced at £8.50. To book call 01843 292795/296111 or visit [www.margatewintergarden.co.uk](http://www.margatewintergarden.co.uk).

## KEITH JAMES AND RICK FOOT

Saturday, April 4  
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RENNED musicians Keith James and Rick Foot once again give musical life to the poems of Federico Garcia Lorca in their latest show.

Poet In New York sees work by the Spanish poet, taken from the 1929-30 book of the same name, set to music by these innovative performers. The project was first offered to Elvis Costello by Lorca's niece, Laura Garcia Lorca, before being taken up by James and Foot.

They have already produced an album and tour titled The Poetry of Federico Garcia Lorca, which won much attention and respect.



Their interpretations of the music of Nick Drake have also been met with praise.

As the original book had such a shocking presence and dark elements, it was decided to add other material too. So the show includes songs by Leonard Cohen, Pablo Neruda, Suzanne

Vega, a Nabokov extract and two songs written by James.

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#### Have a laugh when you come to film screening

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#### Comedy night will get us laughing once again

CHEER up by taking a trip to the Theatre Royal Margate's Comedy Club.

Three top acts on the stand-up circuit will be playing for laughs at the theatre on Thursday and there will also be the regular joke competition. The show is for over-18s. Doors open at 6.45pm and tickets cost £10, or pay £24 when you buy tickets for three nights at once. To book call the box office on 0845 1301786.

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# The Farmhouse is jazzing it up with worldwide talent

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

CHICAGO-born saxophonist Matana Roberts will play at The Farmhouse this weekend – kick-starting the Canterbury venue's monthly International Jazz Sundays event.

The acclaimed jazz star will take to the stage at 4pm on Sunday, one of just five UK tour dates she will play this year.

International Jazz Sundays will be held on the first Sunday of every month, featuring, as the name implies, a non-England-based jazz act.

The three remaining weekends of the month have also been catered for.

The Farmhouse's Matt Gough said: "Other monthly Sundays starting in April include The Farmhouse Thriftstore Sundays, with food stalls from local producers and local clothes/record shops taking place on the second Sunday of every month.

"Rockabilly Sundays will take place every third Sunday and Ska/Reggae Sundays will be held on the fourth Sunday of every month."

The rolling super Sundays line-up has been organised in conjunction with the venue's Sunday roast menu.

Lunch is served from noon to 5pm, with a two-course meal costing just £12. A third course can be added for an additional £3.

My personal picks from the menu include the hare on toast starter (£4.75), traditional roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and horseradish main (£9) and chocolate brownie (£5) or



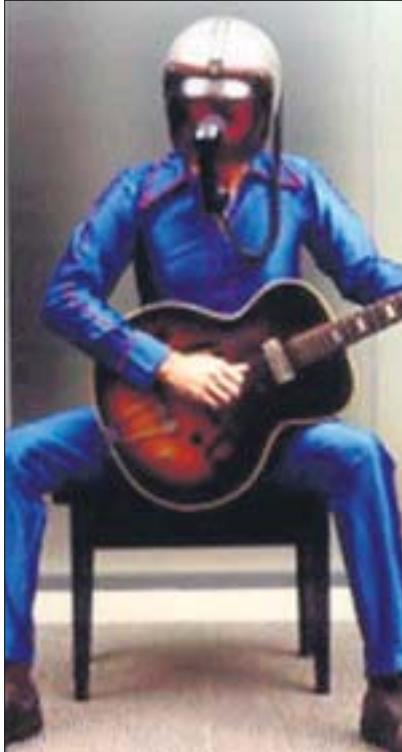
English farmhouse cheeses with biscuits and chutney (£5) for dessert.

Back to the music, The Farmhouse has three nights of live performances lined up in the coming weeks, starting with one-man-band Bob Log III on Thursday.

The man is a cannonball-suit, motorbike helmet-wearing slide-guitar genius. He's the best in the world at what he does, if only taking that title by virtue of the fact that he is the only person in the world who does what he does.

Next up is Canadian husband-and-wife duo Handsome Furs on Thursday, April 9, and instrumentalists Holy F\*\*\* on Saturday, May 9.

For more details on the food and music line-up, visit [www.thefarmhousecanterbury.co.uk](http://www.thefarmhousecanterbury.co.uk).



IT'S JAZZ: Chicago-born saxophonist Matana Roberts (left) will play at The Farmhouse, along with motorbike helmet-wearing slide-guitar genius Bob Log II (above)

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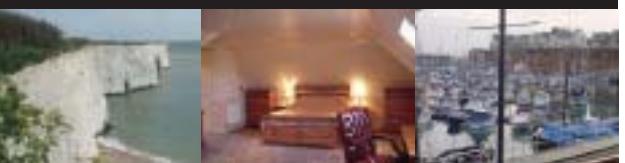
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## We had a wild time on honeymoon

■ BY CAROLINE GAMMELL

IT was 5.45am and pitch-black when we were woken by a cheery morning call and the promise of two steaming mugs of tea and warm muffins lying outside our tent.

Sleepily pulling on thick woollen socks, hat, trousers, T-shirt and fleece, we stumbled from our temporary home perched on the edge of a dry river-bed and hauled ourselves on to an open-top Land Rover.

In less than a minute, we were wide awake, peering through the pre-dawn gloom to catch a glimpse of the wildlife that lures millions to South Africa each year.

It was day three of our honeymoon, and thoughts of our big day, drunken guests and dancing the conga had been shelved as we craned our necks to spot the elephants, giraffes, zebras, buffalo, wildebeest, lions and leopards we knew were out there somewhere.

Our holiday was planned to meet our particular interests by To Escape To, a tiny operator specialising in fixing honeymoons (including your wedding list) to an impressive list of destinations: South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Mozambique, Uganda, Botswana, Namibia, Seychelles and Mauritius.

That morning, we were searching for one of the rarest animals in the Timbavati Private Game Reserve, with its open borders leading into the two million hectares that make up the Kruger National Park.

An hour and a half later, we were frustratingly close. The jeep's engine fell silent as we strained our ears to listen for movement.

Suddenly the radio crackled, a call came from a nearby ranger. Clinging on tight, we flew over pot-holes and hollows, excitement rising in all of us – even the experienced tracker.



GOOD MORNING: Tanda Tula safari camp (above) and the Melrose Arch Hotel (above right) had their own kind of luxury

And there they were.

A full-grown female cheetah with her two tiny cubs, teaching them to feed on a deer carcass. She looked warily at us, putting herself between us and her offspring. They were startlingly beautiful.

The thrill of the morning was part of three truly fabulous days at Tanda Tula safari camp, staying in a luxurious tent a world away from conventional camping – complete with wrought-iron double bed and en-suite outdoor shower.

Our days were made up of early-morning and late-afternoon drives interspersed with traditional meals eaten in the open air and relaxing around the swimming pool.

One afternoon, as we dipped our feet in the water, we spent an hour watching an elephant taking advantage of the cooling mud pool just 50 metres away. He exemplified everything Tanda Tula stands for. It's luxurious but not over the

top; in fact, everything is pitched perfectly. Genuine warmth from the staff makes it a place where we want to go back – first-year anniversary?

But our stay in the bush would not have been so enjoyable if we had not had two days – post-wedding – to collapse and catch up on sleep.

The most perfect vantage point to do just that was Tanamera Lodge – five separate huts tucked away on the edge of a hillside, not too near anywhere in the Mpumalanga region.

The food was sumptuous and the menu – with its choice of three dishes – was delivered to our door each morning on a scroll tied with ribbon.

With the evenings cool, we sat beside a roaring fire eating springbok – a small African antelope – and drinking the finest that Stellenbosch had to offer. To complete the week, we spent one night in Johannesburg at the beautifully turned-out Melrose Arch Hotel.



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### Travel details

- Caroline Gammell and her husband flew from Heathrow to Johannesburg on South African Airways (SAA) and on to Nelspruit, near Tanda Tula, on South African Airlink, part of SAA. There are two flights daily ex-Heathrow.
- Their package from £2,209, organised by travel company To Escape To, included two nights' half-board at Tanamera Lodge, three nights' all-inclusive at Tanda Tula Safari Camp (all meals, drinks, game drives and park fees) and one night B&B at Melrose Arch in Johannesburg, with shuttles.
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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

### THE SIMPSONS

Sky 1, 6pm, Sunday

### AMERICAN IDOL

ITV 2, 8pm, Thursday

WHAT in the name of all that's good and holy has happened to The Simpsons in recent years?

I caught one of the latest episodes last weekend and was shocked by how bad it was.

For what was once essential viewing, it has ventured into the realm of self-congratulatory, back-slapping, must-avoid viewing.

Matt really must be Groening.

What used to be so joyful about this TV monster was the subtle touches and understated jokes that ran alongside the more slapstick stuff that appealed to the younger viewers.

It was a real family show in every sense of the word and wasn't just about the Simpsons, but also the community of a dumb suburban town.

Now, though, it really only focuses on Homer, seemingly the only character anyone seems to care about – and that's a crying shame.

Rarely has a show fallen from grace so badly – and don't get me started on the over-indulgent, plot-free movie.

I hope the creators call time on this sooner rather than later before the reputation is further tarnished, but while it's still making money on such a grand scale that's hard to see.

The latest episodes always air on Sky, before Channel 4 flogs them to death until you, me and our children's children have shuffled off this mortal coil once and for all.

What was once America's favourite show has long since been surpassed in the ratings by the likes of American Idol.

Season eight is now in full shmultz – sorry – swing, on ITV 2 on Thursdays.



**OFF KEY:** Cult cartoon series The Simpsons has lost the appeal that made it a worldwide smash

Simon Cowell's stranglehold on the music charts is even more in effect there than it is here.

While he has unleashed Leona Lewis and co on our national consciousness, the king of the centre-parted flat-top conducts another reign of terror across the Atlantic.

Have you ever heard of Taylor Hicks, Clay Aiken, Jordin Sparks, Chris Daughtry, or Carrie Underwood?

I'm guessing that unless you're a devotee of this show they probably not.

Well, in America these are big names peddling a brand of middle-of-the-road mayhem into the hearts and minds of an already misguided nation.

Far more of the runners-up and rejects go on to have astonishingly big careers than here and you must wonder if, really, we have got off lightly with the annual X Factor circus.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS

(Jan 21-Feb 19) SOMEONE may ask you to teach a class or write a book. Seize this opportunity immediately. Although it may not pay very much, it could lead to bigger and better things. A person who has been badmouthing you may hurt your reputation. Let your actions speak for themselves.

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### PISCES

(Feb 20-Mar 20) THIS is a good time to spend money on travel, education and technical gadgets. Although you're not very materialistic, you do enjoy the occasional splurge. By putting your resources toward things that will expand your consciousness, you'll get a huge return on your investment.

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### ARIES

(Mar 21-Apr 20) A BRIGHT idea could win you some great publicity. This is definitely the time to promote your agenda. An intimidating authority figure may try to block your way. Luckily, the rest of the group will rally to your side. Continue to hold your ground. A female ally will be helpful now.

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### CANCER

(Jun 23-Jul 23) CAREER matters are highlighted this week. If an executive leaves his position, be prepared to step in. Although you may be scared about taking this risk, it will pay off. It's all a matter of having faith in your natural leadership ability. Pay no attention to rivals.

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### LEO

(Jul 24-Aug 23) ALTHOUGH you're fond of familiar comforts, it does pay to expand your horizons. Don't expect your colleagues to take much of an interest in your activities. If people suspect you are getting restless, they may try to hold you back. Keep your public and professional lives separate.

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(Aug 24-Sep 23)

IF you're struggling with a debt it's time to make a deal. Consolidate your bills and negotiate a lower repayment rate. If you stand your ground, you could even hammer out an agreement that allows you to pay off only the principle. These days, people are anxious for cash.

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(Nov 23-Dec 21) YOUR upbeat mood will delight some and annoy others. Try to recognise the difference. If a youngster or lover is depressed you can lift their spirits with kindness and a well-timed sense of humour. If you're looking for love, think about joining an internet dating site.

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# Spall pays his tribute to an 'infuriating genius'

■ BY KATE WHITING

FOOTBALL legend Brian Clough doesn't appear to have a lot in common with music mogul Simon Cowell, but Timothy Spall thinks otherwise.

The seasoned British actor plays Clough's right-hand man Peter Taylor in controversial new biopic *The Damned United*. He has read more than most about the football manager and has his own theory about Clough's popularity.

"He was a loudmouth and he liked annoying people. Every now and again these personalists turn up who are both infuriating and fascinating, but you can't help but like them," Spall says.

"You could compare them to Simon Cowell – they drive you nuts, but they are so original that you can't resist them – they're marvellous in their own right. And I think Clough enjoyed the limelight."

Brian Clough, who died in 2004, was thought to be one of England's best managers. He won back-to-back European Cups with Nottingham Forest and took Derby County from the bottom of Division Two to their first Football League championship.

*The Damned United* follows the player-turned-manager's rise with Derby from 1968 up to his disastrous 44-day stint in charge of Leeds United in 1974, then the biggest club in the country.

While Clough, played by Michael Sheen, enjoyed being the front-man, his loyal assistant manager Taylor was more of a shrinking violet, a kind-hearted man who worked hard behind the scenes and let Clough take the glory.



SMOKING GUN: Timothy Spall as Peter Taylor

Their dynamic, sometimes volatile, partnership is at the heart of the film.

"Obviously it's a sporting piece, but it's very much about the marriage between Clough and Taylor," 52-year-old Spall says.

"Taylor was a typical backroom boy, like a wife in the background – he brought all the support. His real talent was for knowing which players worked together and for spotting other players that had been undervalued.

"Clough, apart from many other brilliant – and annoying – things, was an incredible man motivator. He knew how to get the best out of people. So it was a perfect marriage and a bit like a lot of double acts, comedians and showbiz partnerships, they're not as good without each other."

The film, based on the book by Red Riding author David Peace, paints Clough as a charismatic, ambitious young manager who liked to court controversy. Clough's family are reportedly bitter about the book and the film, which portrays Clough as the victim of his own ambition and competitiveness.

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His long-standing rivalry with Leeds manager Don Revie led him to take the post when Revie became England manager, even though he had railed against the club's aggressive playing style.

Clough and Taylor fell out over the decision, and Taylor refused to join him at Leeds. Clough soon began to realise he couldn't cope on his own and became the least successful manager in the club's history.

But for all Clough's bigmouth bravura, Spall says there was a kind man underneath: "He went and visited people in hospital and if anyone needed dosh, he'd help them out."

"Very few sports types are that fascinating. He wasn't just a braggart and a pundit, he was a kind of genius."

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Flooded rental market sees tumble in values

PRIVATE rents in Kent have dropped as sellers continue to flood the rental market with unwanted properties, a Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors' survey has found.

And activity in the rental market seems to be contributing to the slump in housing transactions, say the experts.

A total of 42 per cent more chartered surveyors in the South East reported a rise than a fall in rental demand, compared with just five per cent in the previous quarter.

RICS South East director Peter Miller said: "The marketplace has become more competitive as reluctant landlords continue to look to let properties they are unable to sell.

"With property sales at historic lows the rental market will continue to boom – provided unemployment levels do not increase significantly.

"The downward pressure on rents will increase in the coming months where supply matches demand, but with house prices still falling, yields will continue to increase for many investors."

David Parry, of Cluttons, said: "Increasing numbers of homes are available to rent. Tenants have a very wide choice and are able to negotiate substantial discounts."

"Family housing has fallen by 20 per cent in rental value."

### Sales increase seen as ray of light by agents

ESTATE agents recorded eight property sales on average last month, according to a housing market report by the National Association of Estate Agents.

This is an increase on the average of six in January.

The return of first-time buyers to the market held firm, dropping by just one per cent of the total sales for February.

The survey also found sales prices on average were 7.5 per cent lower than the asking price.

Association president Chris Brown said: "This sales increase is a real boost for a beleaguered market. It shows the demand identified by the NAEA is slowly but surely translating into sales."

"The housing market has had a devastating year, but prices are lower than they have been for a long time and there are bargains to be had."

"These little signs all add up to a glimmer of light at the end of what has been a long and difficult tunnel."



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# Free national auctions offer innovative lifeline for struggling sellers

■ BY NICK AMES

DESPERATE sellers are turning to a new kind of property auction in a last-ditch bid to move home.

Auctioneers Pattinson will hold the UK's first free national property auctions this month and next.

The company sees this as the best way to try to help get the property market moving.

The idea has appealed to housebuilders and property-owners willing to try anything to sell their homes, with spaces fast filling up.

More than 400 properties have already been registered with the auctioneers.

If you are thinking of selling fast at maximum price, with the security of a deposit at no charge for entry or selling, entries are now being taken for the events at the New Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden, London, on Tuesday, April 21, and Tuesday, May 19.

Properties can be registered by phoning Pattinson's auction department on 0845 146 1582, with further information available at [www.pattinsonauction.co.uk](http://www.pattinsonauction.co.uk).

The auction will feature properties from across the UK, including prestige, new-build and family homes, commercial properties, industrial and land, with available lots located across the country.

Justin Anim, managing director at Pattinson, said: "Our property auctions have been helping companies and individuals sell and buy properties for years now, so we are using all our experience to offer new solutions to the market. Unlike standard property auctions, those wishing to sell at Pattinson's national auction do not need to pay a fee at all. It is free – no entry fee and no sales fee. It has really grabbed the attention of not only individual sellers, but developers, builders, commercial agents, solicitors, accountants and investors, so we have sourced some fantastic properties and will feature more."

Auction director Richard Francis extolled the virtues of the new system.

"In a difficult market, Pattinson is rising to the challenge with an innovative and enthusiastic approach," he said.

"Removing the financial barrier for sellers has enabled us to bring more properties to the market, giving buyers greater choice."

"We have 18 years' experience in property auctions and have developed our service



GOING ONCE... Pattinson auctioneers believe they have come up with a solution to the inertia in the property market during what is a difficult marketplace to offer solutions for both sellers and buyers. "And with the national auction, we are now providing these solutions UK-wide."



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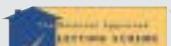
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- 2-3 beds, 1-2 receptions
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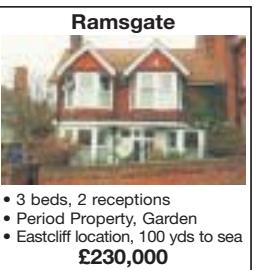
- 3 beds, 2 receptions
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- Modern Kitchen

Make me an offer £169,000



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- Period Property & features
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- Eastcliff location, 100 yds to sea

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- 4 Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
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- Conservatory
- Modern Kitchen

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- New Kitchen, New Bathroom
- Garage

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- 1 Bedroom Flat
- Retirement Development
- Sea View, Allocated Parking

£125,000



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- Modern Bathroom
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- 2 Bedroom
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Sea View, Allocated Parking

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- 3 x 2 Bed Flats above Shop
- Close to Town & Beach
- Needs some Modernisation

£369,995



- 2 Bedrooms
- First Floor Flat, Balcony
- Great Investment Buy

£115,000



- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Receptions
- Spacious Design
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- 5 Bedrooms, 3 Receptions
- Original Period Features
- Conservatory

£215,000



- 3 Bedrooms, Close to Beach
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- 3 Self Contained Flats, En-Suite
- 2x2 Bedrooms & 1x3 Bedrooms
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£375,000



- Ground Floor Flat, 1 Bedroom
- Requires Refurbishment
- Close to Local Amenities

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- 2 Shops Ground Floor
- Original Period Features
- 2 x 1 Bedroom Flats Above

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- 1 Bedroom, First Floor Flat
- Close to Town & Beach
- Vacant & Priced for Quick Sale

£47,50



- 4 Bed Semi Detached House
- En-suite, OSP
- Close to schools

£278,950



- 3 Bed Semi Detached Cottage
- Needs Refurbishment
- Ideal First Time Buy

£147,500



- Semi Detached Bungalow
- 2 Bedrooms, OSP
- Nicely Decorated

£210,000



- Detached Chalet House
- 3 Bedrooms, Conservatory
- Garage, Immaculate

£255,000



- Detached House, 4 Bedrooms
- Plenty of Parking
- Conservatory, Cul-de-Sac

£295,000



- Detached Bungalow, Garage
- En-suite, 2-3 Bedrooms
- Decked Balcony

£289,000



- Semi Detached House
- 3 Bedrooms, Needs some work
- Offers invited

OIRO £129,000



- Apartment, 1 Bedroom
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- Stunning updated home dating to circa 1920
- 4 beds chalet bungalow
- Good size gardens, View now

.....£275,000



## Cliftonville

- Five bedrooms, two reception rooms
- Good sized rear garden
- Off-street parking

.....OIEO £239,995



## Birchington

- Sought after garden estate location
- 2 bed detached bungalow
- Large corner plot

.....£228,500



## Birchington

- A modern detached executive home
- 3 bedrooms, master en-suite. NO CHAIN
- 2 receptions & conservatory

.....OIEO £210,000



## Birchington

- Detached bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms 2 reception rooms & corner plot
- No onward chain, viewings available

.....£199,995



## Birchington

- 1st floor apartment with panoramic sea views
- Offering 2 double bedrooms & a balcony
- Garage included. Lift service

.....£177,500



## Margate

- This is one for gardening lovers!
- Large sunny gardens to the rear
- 2 beds, bright lounge & double glazed

.....£159,950



## St Peters

- Terrific value for money!
- 3 beds home with garage
- Very sunny gardens to the rear

.....£159,950



## Minster

- Sought after village location
- Extended 2 bed cottage
- View now to avoid disappointment

.....£157,500



## Palm Bay

- Priced to sell!
- A little work needed but well worth the effort
- 2 beds, lounge & conservatory - plus garage

.....£149,950



## Cliftonville

- 5 Bedrooms
- Needs Some Work
- No Chain

.....£149,950



## Margate

- Modern 3 bed semi close to QEQM
- Double glazed & heated
- Ideal investment

.....£140,000



## Cliftonville

- Ground floor Purpose built flat
- 2 bedrooms
- Garage

.....£129,995



## Birchington

- 4 bed period semi in village centre
- Immaculate presentation, retains many period features
- Internal viewing essential

.....£259,995



## Minnis Bay

- Light & airy 2 bed flat
- Private balcony with seaviews
- Modern kitchen & bathroom, shared freehold

.....£121,500



## Westbrook

- Lovely 1 Bed flat
- Close to sandy beaches & shops
- No Onward Chain

.....£94,995



## Cliftonville

- One bedroom
- Ground floor
- No chain

.....£69,950



## Margate

- Get your skates on....!
- Large 4 bed semi with 2 receptions & 2 bathrooms
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## Broadstairs £170,000

This workshop/store and office premises are located on the edge of Kingsgate village, which is on the outskirts of Broadstairs.

The premises benefit from access via a shared driveway and double doors. The main workshop/storage area is of approximately 1176sqft with an additional store of 441sqft and offices and ancillary rooms of approximately 430sqft.

A further workshop/store adjoins the property.



## Westgate-On-Sea £125,000

### AN IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY OR INVESTMENT

This spacious two bedroom mid terraced house is situated in a popular residential area of Westgate. The house would make an ideal first time buy or investment property and comprises two double bedrooms, lounge, 16' kitchen / diner, bathroom, separate w.c., double glazing, central heating, a low maintenance rear garden. This property is offered with vacant possession.



## Broadstairs £159,950

### CAN YOU REALLY AFFORD TO MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY?

This End of Terrace property is offered to the market with no forward chain and is ideally situated in a sought after pedestrianised road in Broadstairs. Situated within easy reach of local amenities and bus routes, this property comprises three bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen / diner, cloakroom, lobby, storage room, rear and side gardens and a garage.



## Broadstairs £400,000

### WHEN LOCATION IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

This semi detached residence is situated in a much sought after location in Broadstairs. Built approximately 1896, this lovely house has retained many of its original features including decorative coving, archways, ceilings roses and fireplaces with some of the benefits including five bedrooms, three reception rooms, sea views, garage and a good sized garden.



## Westbrook £399,000

### NEED MORE SPACE? THEN DO NOT MISS THIS.

A detached residence situated in one of Westbrook's most sought after Avenues. This property benefits lounge, dining room, family room, spacious kitchen, bedroom 5 / study, bathroom, conservatory, four bedrooms, a family bathroom and an ensuite, a garage, various outbuildings including a workshop and summer house, landscaped gardens to the rear and road parking.



## Broadstairs £395,000

### YOUR DREAM FAMILY HOME

This spacious detached house is situated in a popular cul-de-sac in the heart of Broadstairs and is offered to the market with no forward chain. The perfect family home this property comprises four bedroom, ensuite and dressing room to master, family bathroom, kitchen / diner, lounge, dining room, study, downstairs cloakroom, utility room, double garage and attractive rear garden.



## Broadstairs £495,000

### THE KITCHEN IS THE HEART OF EVERY HOME.

This immaculately presented and spacious detached residence is situated in the much sought after location of Foreland Heights. This beautiful home offers really light and contemporary living comprising five double bedrooms, family bathroom, two ensuite shower rooms, lounge, dining room, large family kitchen, utility room, study, highly manicured gardens to three sides, double garage and block paved driveway providing off road parking.



## Broadstairs £310,000

### YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THESE STUNNING SEA VIEWS

This ground floor apartment is situated on the popular Eastern Esplanade and offers direct sea views. Comprising two double bedrooms, ensuite to master, family bathroom, open plan lounge / kitchen / dining area, off road parking and two private patios both with direct sea views, this property is within easy reach of the sandy beach at Stone Bay and Broadstairs High Street.



## Broadstairs £1,200,000

### WAKE UP TO THE SOUND OF THE SEA

This cliff top marine residence has exceptional sea views across Kingsgate Bay at Broadstairs. There is a wealth of opportunity with this property - currently comprising four bedrooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen / diner, study, two ensuites & bathroom, indoor swimming pool & spa, triple garage, approx 0.89 acre gardens and full planning consent to erect a first floor extension.



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## Westgate-On-Sea £199,000

### VACANT POSSESSION.

This detached bungalow offers spacious and light accommodation and has scope to extend further if required, subject to the necessary planning consents. Situated in a highly regarded area of Westgate, this property comprises two double bedrooms, bathroom, hallway, lounge, kitchen / diner, conservatory, 60' rear garden, garage and driveway.



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RAMSGATE £575,000

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- Direct sea views
- Additional self contained annexe



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CLIFFSEND £275,000

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- no chain - sea views



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- Detached bungalow
- high quality standards
- Needs to be viewed



NETHERCOURT £169,995

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- Landscape gardens
- Sought after Location



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- Courtyard Garden



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MARGATE £74,995

- 1 Bed purpose built Maisonette
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- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Fully Refurbished



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- Three Bedrooms
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MARGATE £119,995

- 3 bedroom, terraced house
- Modern kitchen & bathrm suite
- Popular residential area



CLIFTONVILLE £129,995

- 2 Bed Ground Floor Flat
- Great Location
- Shared Garden + OSP



MARGATE £134,995

- Stunning direct sea views
- 2 beds, lounge, kitchen , b'room
- No Forward Chain



RAMSGATE £550,000

- Refurbished Georgian Terrace
- Sea & Royal Harbour Views
- 4 Bedrooms, 3 Receptions



RAMSGATE £189,995

- Liverpool Lawn
- Grade II Listed
- 2/3 Bedrooms



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- Two Bedroom Terrace
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BROADSTAIRS £310,000

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**Ramsgate** £135,000

- 2 Bedroom Victorian Terrace House
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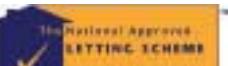
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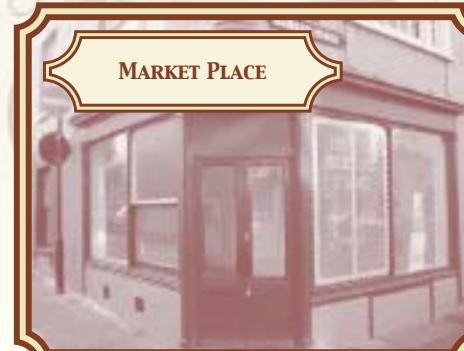
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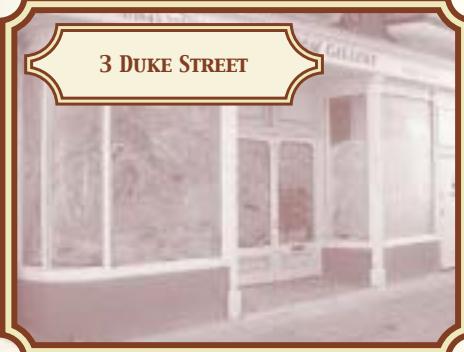
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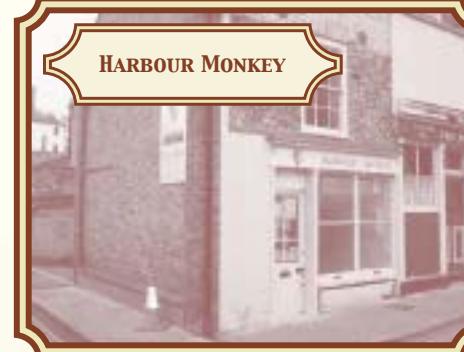
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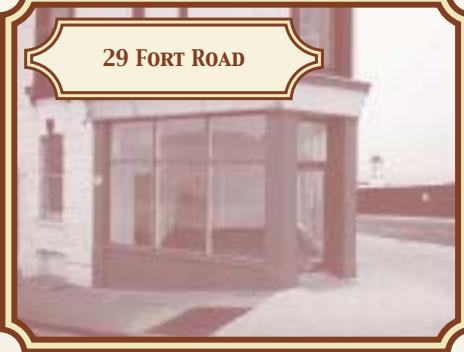
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Passer-by thinks funky Materia's bit of all white

SPRING is in the air, but Daihatsu dealer Roger Chapman of Express Garage, Herne Bay, can't wait for more snow.

He had been clearing snow from a Daihatsu Materia when passer-by Alan Harding became curious about what lay beneath. Once the funky mini-MPV was revealed, he promptly ordered his own and his wife Coralie followed suit.

"We weren't even looking for a new car, never mind two," said Mr Harding, pictured with his wife and Mr Chapman (centre). Prices start at £10,770.



### Honda hybrid aims for the 'everyday' motorist

HONDA'S new Insight petrol-electric hybrid is not aimed at 'eco-evangelists', but ordinary car buyers.

Priced from £15,490, with long-term savings on depreciation and Benefit in Kind taxation, the Insight should average well over 60mpg and cost only £35/year to tax. It also substantially undercuts the rival Toyota Prius (from £18,870).

With no reliability problems reported on the previous Civic IMA hybrid, Honda says the operating life of the Insight's batteries will outlast the car itself.



### Peugeot powers more CC sales with the 308

PEUGEOT invented folding hardtops in the 1930s and then made them mass market in 2001, by launching the 206CC.

From then until last year's recession the CC (coupe convertible) sector soared eight-fold to 250,000 across Europe and the French marque launches the 308CC (from £19,495) on June 1, though the fleet-footed can be in one earlier by ordering an exclusive £23,595 GT100 version.

The 308CC is a stylish four-seater, can be spec'd to luxurious levels and delivers a decent drive.



IT'S A BIG DIFFERENCE: Like most mini-MPVs the boot in the Suzuki Splash is small, but the carmaker has deleted the spare wheel to free space beneath the boot floor

## Suzuki sends in the clones

GET used to even more cloning of small cars like the Suzuki Splash, especially now that we have a global slowdown.

True, demand for mini cars has increased, but unit profitability is small too so it makes sense to 're-invent the wheels' for several carmakers to use.

But how does Suzuki make the case for people to buy the Splash, when it is nearly-identical to the Vauxhall Agila? The fag paper-thin argument comes down largely to Splash being a bright new name that buries memories of the quite awful Wagon-R model it replaced... the same quite awful car re-badged and also sold as the original Vauxhall Agila.

The Splash (from £8,350) has arguably the neater front grille too, while the smaller model line-up is better equipped as standard and concentrates on the 1.2-litre petrol engine – the best deal on offer across both ranges, including the 1.3-litre diesel option.

Morally, Suzuki also deserves the business as the Splash/Agila uses the its Swift hatchback platform – pound-for-pound one of the

### ROAD TEST SUZUKI SPLASH

■ BY STEVE LOADER

#### STAR QUALITY

##### Driving appeal



##### Image



##### Space



##### Value



##### Running costs



##### Reliability



##### Green rating



best superminis around – and the clones are built by Suzuki in Hungary, although Vauxhall masterminded the car's huge interior and overall design. It has a small footprint and a tall stance without the leaning and fidgety ride usually associated with lofty creations on short wheelbases. In fact, the Splash is a decent drive – sure-footed and responsive – and one of a few that the average downsizing family could pick to cover all their needs.

Like most mini-MPVs the boot is small, so Suzuki has deleted the spare wheel to free space beneath the boot floor, but the dashboard is well-arranged with nice detail and the car is awash with stowage.

Three people across the back seat would not feel especially cramped either – fold down one rear seat and you have loads more space while retaining two seats – and headroom is exceptional. However, the seats feel thin on long journeys and overall cabin ambience could use more quality.

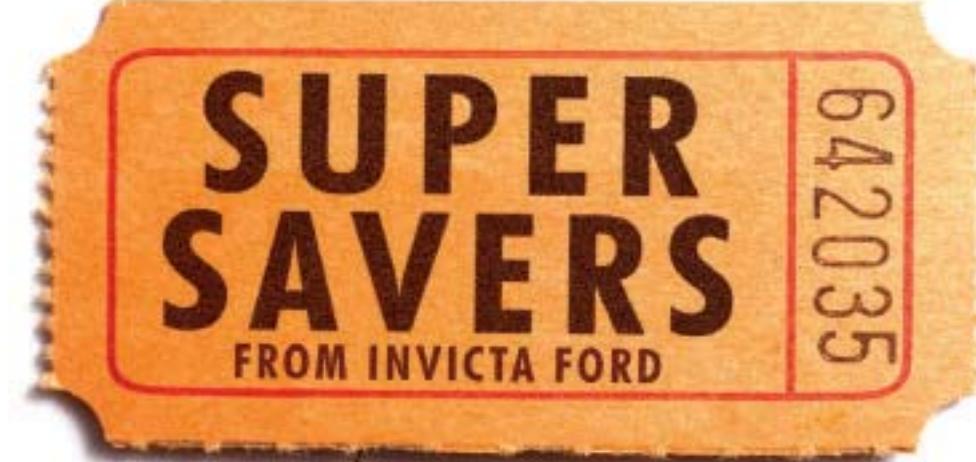
Our £9,350 1.2GLS+ test car looks to be the best buy; on top of generous standard kit including air con you also gain alloys, front fog lamps and rear privacy glass that give this stylish yet upright car a touch of class.



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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### NISSAN NOTE



THIS was a clever attempt to fill the gap left by two cars deleted from the Nissan line-up. It is not the prettiest car, but there can be few offering so much versatility within the compact dimensions of a large supermini. The boot has been cleverly arranged for different modes, the cabin is spacious and the Note is also available with frugal yet lively Renault-derived diesel power – though these command a premium – but the ride can be fidgety.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### MPV HATCHBACKS

CARMAKERS have been busy in recent years trying to cater for buyers who need MPV-style space with small hatchback manageability. Their efforts have met with mixed success, as shown by our three used car candidates. They each have large cabins relative to their size and many clever MPV tricks in seating and flexibility and there are bargains to be had, but such benefits can come at the expense of looks and style and driving enjoyment – buyers have to balance what their heart says against what their head is demanding...

### HONDA JAZZ



HONDA has just replaced the original Jazz, so used values have eased from heights expected for this clever and reliable little car. Supermini manageability is married perfectly to a spacious cabin and rear seats that can lift to allow big loads or shopping to be packed quickly behind the front seats. There is no diesel, the CVT (continuously variable transmission) auto option is not everyone's favourite and the ride is firm, especially on earliest cars, but still a sound buy.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### RENAULT MODUS



THOUGH the Modus is related to the Note, it has not been so successful. The looks are chic and it is the more refined car to be in as the ride is more relaxed, but the original cabin is smaller, so versatility is less obvious. However, used prices have eased, especially as the later and stretched Grand Modus version has started to appear on the used market, so the original versions are becoming very affordable in petrol and diesel guise.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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## GOOD-TIME GIRL

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## AIMING HIGH

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## COME ON DOWN!

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## THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, sees genuine male for friendship and more. Box 448666

## MEND A BROKEN HEART

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## BLONDE AMBITION

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## CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute, single mum of 4, 38ys old, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983

## SCOTTISH LASS

Maggie here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010

## FULL STEAM AHEAD

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## HAPPY DAYS!

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## AND THE SPARKS WILL FLY

Bubbly lively lady, 5ft1, outgoing, 33, honest, reliable, looking for someone to get to know and see what happens. Sittingbourne. Box 449585

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Management coaching boosts Scipac profits

TRAINING does work. It's a major topic on business people's lips these days, but it's usually hard to quantify if it has been successful. However, one Kent company – Sittingbourne-based Scipac – has used business coaches for its top executive and management team and reports dramatic results.

It is projecting a 28 per cent growth in revenue and a 60 per cent increase in profit for the financial year ended March.

The firm has been trading for nearly 25 years. Founded by Dr Clive Dawes and the late Tony Raeside, it has developed products used in the health diagnostic sector, but growth meant it was in a transitional phase.

Managing director Stephane Argivier said: "Because of the changes in strategy we needed to get relevant experience into our management team as fast as possible. We saw coaching as a way of accelerating the implementation of our business plan."

It called in Maidstone-based WSQ Solutions and now the company reports: "Our staff feel more valued, motivated and clear about their targets and roles."

### Green awards reminder as deadline approaches

TIME is running out for companies to enter the Environment Awards for Kent Business 2009 – the deadline is April 30.

Organiser Alex Green said: "Taking part is not a labour-intensive process, so we would advise companies to enter as soon as possible. There is a simple form to fill in which can be downloaded from [www.kent.gov.uk/environmentawards](http://www.kent.gov.uk/environmentawards).

The top ten companies shortlisted will receive a visit from the judging panel and are then invited to the black-tie awards ceremony in September.

"If you know of an organisation you think deserves recognition for its work to protect the environment or within the community, why not nominate them?"

The awards also reward companies that have had a positive impact in the community.

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Julie Maddocks asks: "Is small really beautiful in business?" Search 'crunch'

# New scheme revives village shops again

■ BY **TONY PATEY**

A SCHEME that helps villages open a community shop is proving a huge success in the county.

It is probably the first time in the UK that a dedicated scheme with all the help and advice on board has been rolled out.

And such is the interest, supporters believe it could lead to dozens of villages having a shop again.

The project has just been launched by Kent's 'Mr Rural Retailer' – Sean Carter.

The Community Shop Development Scheme, sponsored by Kent County Council and the South East England Development Agency (Seeda), is being run by Mr Carter and co-worker Victoria Lawson.

There are four such shops already open in the county, but with the new scheme now on the go the team hopes to more than double that number within a year.

It's linked with the Kent Association of Rural Retailers (Karr) – again, reckoned to be the only one of its kind in the UK – which is run by Mr Carter, a former blue-chip retail company executive, as part of his role as rural retail adviser to Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

#### Permission

Community shops have been operating in Littlebourne since 2000, Cliffsend since 2004, Biddenden since 2005 and Shoreham since 2007.

There have been two open days about the scheme, and there are plans to open shops in Barham in mid-May and Chart Sutton at the end of June, subject to planning permission.

Ms Lawson, who helps groups set up a legal entity to run the shops and raise money, said a number of villages had expressed strong interest.

The next open day is at Lenham on



**ON THE BOUNDARY:** The timeless allure of village life is being enhanced by the setting up of community shops

Wednesday, April 22. A general pamphlet is being worked on, along with a ring-binder booklet with full details which can be updated as necessary.

Ms Lawson said communities had first of all got to establish, perhaps through a public meeting, if they really wanted a shop and then if they intended to fully support it.

Once the go-ahead is given, a steering group is set up and a legal entity created, usually an industrial and provident society, but it could be a company.

Villagers can buy one share each, giving them the right to vote on the shop's future. The going price is usually £20 but can vary.

Premises could be a former pub, for example, former shop or even a container cabin.

The shops are not-for-profit and any surplus, or money which comes out of them, if they fold, must be spent locally. Mr Carter said that out

of 180 community shops across the country – growing at the rate of 15 a year – he knew of only a couple that had closed. He said: "It's amazing. Once a community has lost its shop and actually gets involved in setting up a new one, they realise it's their own shop and they tend not to let it go down."

"The scheme has got off to a good start. It shows there is now an awareness at local government level that a lot of talking has been done in the past about retail services, and now at last we are seeing a bit of action."

"I still believe commercial shops should be getting a bit of the action as well."

"They are just as valuable to the community. The post office closures really started focusing minds about what was going on in rural Kent."

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CELEBRATIONS: Cliftonville hope to go up this year

## Rams reserves take top spot in the cup

RAMSGATE reserves remain top of the Kent Floodlight Trophy East after a hard-earned point against second-placed Dover Athletic.

The reserves drew 1-1 at Southwood to go clear by a point at the top of the cup competition. The club's second string return to action on Saturday when they travel to VCD Athletic in Kent League Division Two.

Margate's reserves were convincingly beaten 3-1 at The Belmont by Whitstable Town in Division One. The result leaves the Blues eighth in the league, but they do have a chance to avenge their defeat as they take on the Oystermen at Hartsdown on Saturday.

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**Gills boss Mark Stimson talks about new loan signing Josh Wright**

## Deaf player makes England debut

THANET Wanderers player Rhys Sticking was selected as part of the England Deaf rugby team's 55-10 defeat to Wales.

Sticking has played at Thanet through the minis, junior and now adult teams. Despite suffering a serious knee injury in his first season in adult rugby, which threatened to cut his rugby career short, he received a letter from World Cup winner Johnny Wilkinson which helped lift his spirits and he returned to action last summer.

After being put in contact with England Deaf coach Tony Stoyles he was offered a trial and selected in the squad.

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## Ville face anxious wait over promotion hopes

### HOCKEY

#### Cliftonville 2 Deal 1

THE VILLE sealed a third place finish which they hope will earn them promotion from Kent Open Premier A.

Ashford lost at home to Langley Park which means promotion is a real possibility if the league structure changes go through. Ville started well at the weekend and went a goal ahead which was highly debated by Deal as they thought there was a foul in the build up, with Alex Cowell finishing. Deal never really threatened, but a free hit outside the D resulted in a shot being deflected into the face of the influential Stu Ballard, leaving him with a broken cheekbone. Deal

then found themselves level with a short corner. The second half started in the same fashion as the first with Ville taking the lead once again.

Some nice inter-play in the D found Adam Sidders at the back post who slammed the ball past the onrushing Deal goalkeeper. Deal finished the game the stronger, and spent the last ten minutes camped inside

the Ville half. They very nearly pulled level with a real moment of drama. The Deal striker rounded Ville goalkeeper Dan Sheppard, who managed to push him wide enough that he had to use his reverse stick to shoot. With the ball heading for the top corner, Jack Bradley came out of nowhere to get the slightest of touches onto the crossbar, with the ball landing back in play before being cleared by Scott Roberts.

Skipper Dave Potter said: "It was a tough game and we knew what was at stake. We hope the league situation sorts itself out as promotion is what this side deserves."

# Tooting add to Jim's woe as relegation beckons for Ramsgate

## 10 points adrift with only five games left



Picture DAVE STEWART

**CONCERN:** With just five games to go and ten points to make up, it doesn't look good for Jim Ward's side as they took a step closer to relegation at the weekend

THREE first half goals for Tooting ensured the Rams moved a step closer to relegation at the weekend.

Neither side created any chances in the first 20 minutes but then Tooting enjoyed a spell of 17 minutes where they scored three goals to ensure they went home with the three points. On 21 minutes Dean McDonald scored with a close range finish after Billy Marshall's effort had been blocked.

Marshall added the second when he applied the finishing touch to a cross from Allan McLeod and four minutes later it was 3-0 when a defensive slip-up left Paul Vines clean through and he made no mistake.

Tooting started the second half in similar fashion and efforts by McDonald and Marshall went wide. Colin Hartburn and Jason Pinnock also had chances but both were saved by Jamie Turner in the Ramsgate goal.

The visitors did create a couple of chances with Andy Hadden trying a long range shot which Dave King, the Tooting goalkeeper, could only parry before the ball was scrambled to safety and debutant Sam Callander did put the

### FOOTBALL

■ BY KEVIN BARHAM

#### Tooting & Mitcham United 3

McDonald 21, Marshall 34, Vines 38

#### Ramsgate 0

ball in the back of the net with a fine shot but he was ruled off-side.

With just five games to go and ten points to make up it doesn't look good for Jim Ward's side.

The club last week showed signs they were preparing for the worst as they released striker Jay May and central defender Ryan Royston.

The pair, who joined the club during the start of this season, had been an integral part of Jim Ward's side, but with the club facing relegation to Ryman Division One South, they have both been released.

#### Ramsgate starting XI



Subs used: Duff (Zanzi 48) Schulz (Firth 69) Callander (Ball 37)

May, who signed from Bromley, has been snapped up by Dartford manager Tony Burman, while Royston, a signing from Cray Wanderers, has headed back to former side Maidstone United.

Club secretary Martin Able told the club's forum that with striker Aaron Firth now available after injury and the signing of defender Vincenzo Zanzi, the Rams took a decision to release May and Royston.

The Rams also announced the signing of Ebbsfleet youth striker Sam Callander, who made his debut for the club at the weekend.

# Blues ensure relegation fight goes down to wire

## FOOTBALL

■ BY YOURTHANET REPORTER

**Margate 3**

Alaile OG 14, Robinson 25, Wilson 58

**Billericay 1**

Shave 11

VICTORY over Billericay just about keeps Margate in with a shout of avoiding relegation from the Ryman Premier Division, keeping them within touching distance of a host of clubs jostling for survival.

Terry Yorath fielded an unchanged side from the XI that somehow failed to beat Maidstone last week, keeping faith with Ryan Peters, whose astonishing miss in the dying minutes of that game may yet prove pivotal.

Joe Healy had the first serious effort after just six minutes with a spectacular overhead kick that just cleared the Billericay crossbar.

However, a defeat that would have left Margate four points adrift of safety looked on the cards when the Gate fell behind on 11 minutes.

With nobody clearing Dean Etchell's cross, Paul Shave headed the Essex side in front,



**SURVIVAL CHASE:** Aaron Lacy goes in hot pursuit



**DEFEAT:** Thanet Wanderers suffer defeat at Chobham

## Kent Cup is Thanet's last saving grace

## RUGBY

**Chobham 37 Thanet Wanderers 19**

THANET Wanderers remain third from bottom in London 2 South as they fell to their 13th defeat of the season.

The Wanderers drew with the same side 3-3 on the opening day of the season, but were unable to deal with Chobham's physical presence up front at the weekend.

With just two games of the season left to play – at home to Dorking and away to league leaders Basingstoke – Thanet have flattered to deceive this season. They do, however, have an opportunity to get something out of the season as they are in the final four of the Shepherd Neame Kent Cup.

The semi-final draw pits Thanet against fellow London 2 South side, Gravesend, while Old Colfeians entertain Blackheath.

The Wanderers should go into the game with confidence having beaten the same side 38-28 earlier this season.

Both matches are due to take place on the weekend of April 25-26 with kick-off dates and times to be confirmed.

The final is due to take place at Aylesford on Sunday, May 10 at 3.30 pm.

### Margate starting XI



Michael Alaile for an own goal.

Confusion between Ricay keeper Tony Tucker and Shave gifted Margate the lead on 25 minutes. With both men expecting the other to deal with Healy's cross, Curtis Robinson pounced to score his first goal of the season.

Eight minutes before half-time Margate thought it was 3-1 when Wilson's corner curled so much it flew straight into the top corner, but their goal was chalked off for an alleged foul on Tucker and Wilson then headed wide from close range in first half stoppage time.

Pat Mullin preserved Margate's lead with a smart save from Luca Franks early in the second period, before the home side gave themselves a two-goal cushion on 58 minutes.

Peters was taken out in the Billericay box but because he needed treatment he was not allowed to take the resulting penalty, leaving it to Wilson to send Tucker the wrong way.

The Gate will take a giant stride towards safety if they can win at fellow strugglers Harrow Borough on Saturday.

## FOOTBALL



**IMPROVEMENT:** Defender Kieran Morris is vital

## It's derby D-Day for the Blues on Easter Monday, says boss

BLUES boss Terry Yorath has singled out Easter Monday's Thanet derby with fierce rivals Ramsgate as a game that could determine their plight in the Ryman Premier League.

The Gate picked up a vital three points at home to Billericay at the weekend, but still sit in the bottom four and having played more games than a host of teams around them. With Ramsgate having a mountain the size of Kilimanjaro to climb if they are to avoid the drop, the Blues will need to win the clash and have their fingers crossed that their relegation rivals drop points in the run-in.

Yorath told the club's website: "It's probably bigger for us now than them [Ramsgate], except the local bit. I think if you like, they have got into a frame of mind that they are going to go down, so the game against us becomes even bigger. For us it's three points and three points we must get."

The former Wales boss praised the form of striker Kenny Pratt, who is leading the scoring charts with eight, and utility player Kieran Morris who has plied his trade as one of three central defenders.

Yorath said: "The defence dealt with everything thrown at them. Kieran, whether or not I should say this I don't know, has improved a hell of a lot since the beginning of the season and the good thing about him is that he is a 100 per center. He can play in a few positions and is vital to the club at the moment."

The Blues boss was delighted with his side's performance in a 3-1 win against Billericay Town, but admits last weekend's 1-1 draw at Maidstone – a game they should have won – could come back to bite them.

He added: "I said before now we need to win our final three home games, and that's one out of the way. Our last home game at Hartsdown we should have won and we should have won away last weekend."

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**WIN:** South Eastern thrashed Thanet Fascias 13-0

## Holden hits six as South Eastern hammer Fascias

### SUNDAY LEAGUE

FAYRENESS Hotel closed the gap on the teams above them in the Premier Division with a narrow win at Northdown Park against struggling Dormans.

Hotel ran out 2-1 winners thanks to goals from Aaron Brady and Jamie Rushton, Ismaila Jammeh scored a consolation for Dormans. In the only other game in the league, South Eastern thrashed Thanet Fascias 13-0. Former Ramsgate striker Scott Holden hit six, while there was four for Graham Birkett, a brace for Callum Hinde and one for Vinny Woolford.

In the only game in Division One, Westgate closed to within a point of leaders FC De Ville after a 2-0 win at Generation Sports. Adam Bartlett and Lee Stone were on target for the second-placed side.

Pizer Athletic produced a shock in Division Three as they beat league leaders Port & Anchor 3-2. It gave a chance for the chasing pack to make up some ground and they did so with third-placed Hotel De Ville beating Prestige Insurance 6-0 to close within nine points and still with five games in hand.

Don Ronaldo edged out Red Arrow Goldney 6-3 while Vale Tavern and Mulberry Tree earned a share of the spoils with a 2-2 draw.

In Division Three, Ash went top of the league with a 7-2 win at Hugin United, but hot on their heels are third-placed Stonecroft who thrashed The Shakespeare 7-0. The Sadler beat Thanet Leisureforce 3-2 and Waverley edged out The Derby Army 2-1.

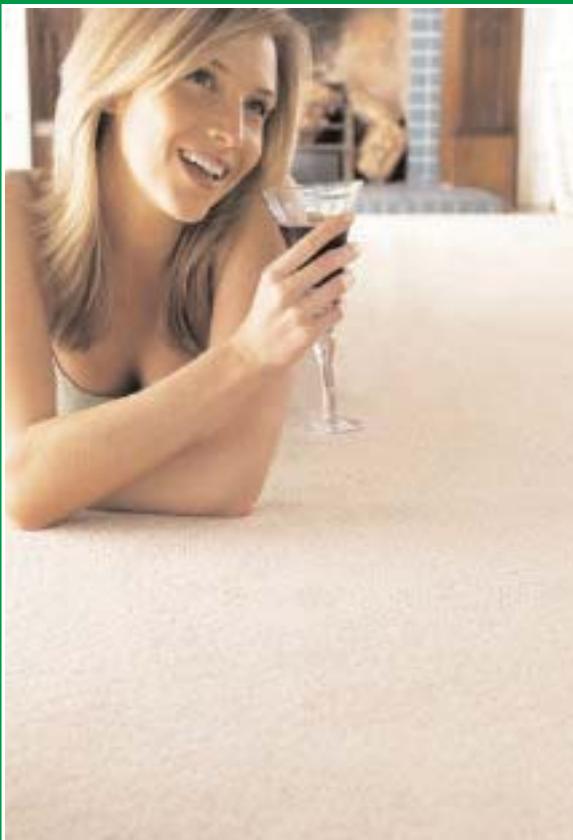
Division Four leaders, The Rodney, forced home their title ambitions with a 6-0 rout of Powell Arms, while Camden beat The Orb 2-0.



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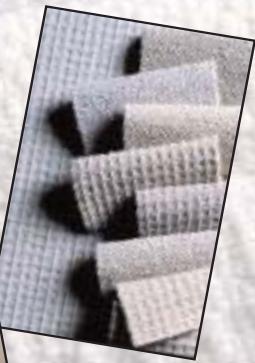
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